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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators 2 3 (JULIE, Inc.) is a not for profit organization that provides professional and non-professional (i.e. homeowners) excavators 4 5 with a free service through a toll-free telephone number to call for the locating and marking of underground utility 6 7 facilities in the State of Illinois, outside the city of Chicago; and 9 WHEREAS, JULIE, Inc., along with its 1,750 members, promote the importance of calling the Illinois One-Call System and 10 safe-digging practices as part of an ongoing public safety 11 campaign; this proactive outreach program prevents damages to 12 underground utilities, the environment and property, reduces 13 14 service interruptions and costly repairs, and saves lives; and WHEREAS, Illinois law requires anyone digging, regardless 15 of depth, to call JULIE, Inc. at least two working days prior 16 17 to the start of excavation and to begin that project within 14 calendar days from the call; and 18 19 WHEREAS, JULIE, Inc. has received and processed over 14.2 million calls and its annual call volume makes it one of the 20 largest industry one-call systems in the United States; and 21 22 WHEREAS, JULIE, Inc. is celebrating 30 years of damage 23 prevention in Illinois; established in 1974, the organization is located in Joliet, Illinois; therefore, be it 24

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate JULIE, Inc. and proclaim April 2004 as "Dig Safely Illinois Month" in the State of Illinois.