



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois congratulate Richard and Polly Boyajian of  
4 Chicago on their retirement and salute Mr. Boyajian's store,  
5 Boyajian's Bazaar, a small Gandhi-inspired shop in the Hyde  
6 Park area of Chicago; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyajian created Boyajian's Bazaar following  
8 a 1968 teaching mission in India, where he was influenced by  
9 Mahatma Gandhi to do what he could to improve the quality of  
10 life; and

11 WHEREAS, For nearly 24 years, Boyajian's Bazaar has been  
12 not only a Hyde Park tradition, but also an outlet for people  
13 from around the world who make and sell handcrafted items like  
14 Indian bedspreads, stone and wood carvings, Mexican dishes,  
15 papier mache and wood boxes, dolls, jewelry, and beads; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyajian's dedication to helping others is  
17 demonstrated by his contributions to many different charities  
18 and organizations and his annual benefit for UNICEF; and

19 WHEREAS, Even after he closes his store and retires, Mr.  
20 Boyajian plans to participate in the art and handcraft fairs  
21 that have become a part of his life; he plans to set up shop in  
22 retirement homes, churches, and schools for jewelry repair and  
23 instruction; and

24 WHEREAS, Polly Boyajian is also retiring from her position  
25 as Program Director of the Adult Day Center, Hyde Park  
26 Neighborhood Club, where she has used her skills as an  
27 administrator for more than two decades; and

28 WHEREAS, Polly and Dick Boyajian plan to retire in Olympia,  
29 Washington in order to be nearer to their three loving

1 children; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 wish Polly and Dick Boyajian well in their retirement and  
5 commend them for their generosity of spirit, their charitable  
6 ways, and their long and notable presence in the Hyde Park area  
7 of Chicago; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Richard and Polly Boyajian.