



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, George Kutsunis, a long-time Geneseo retailer,
3 and his wife, Linda, saying they have been blessed to have
4 lived and worked in Geneseo all their lives, have given \$1
5 million in grant money to the Geneseo community; the Kutsunis
6 family has lived in Geneseo since the early 1900s, when
7 George's dad opened a shoe repair shop at what is now Tim's
8 Barber Shop on North State Street; and

9 WHEREAS, The endowment fund will come out of the newly
10 formed Kutsunis Family Foundation and be used to seed a college
11 scholarship targeting students who show great potential, but
12 have a harder time earning scholarships; revenue from the
13 investment of the seed money will be split between the
14 scholarship program and local capital improvement projects
15 through the Geneseo Is For Tomorrow (GIFT) Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, The scholarship program will be unique, in that it
17 targets "B" and "C" students for assistance to help make their
18 college education a reality; designing the scholarship program
19 to impact students with average grades was important to the
20 Kutsunis family because high school graduates are at a
21 crossroads; with just a little nudge, those "crossroads"
22 students are often able to go on to accomplish great things for
23 themselves and their community; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout his 42 years in business, George
25 Kutsunis has had wonderful success with GWK Enterprises, his
26 group of women's specialty shops based in Geneseo; he has
27 always given back in various ways, including donations to
28 schools, the library, the hospital, and whenever there was a
29 need; his businesses have been honored numerous times in the
30 past for his years of dedication to the business environment
31 and quality of life in Geneseo; with this gift, the Kutsunis
32 family continues their commitment to community service and

1 support by giving back to the community and helping Geneseo be
2 all it can be; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 wish to thank the Kutsunis family for their very generous
6 philanthropic efforts on behalf of Geneseo's high school
7 seniors and the people of the greater Geneseo Community; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the Kutsunis family as an expression of our utmost
11 respect and esteem.