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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of this Body that Mr. David Axelrod is approaching the ripe, we will not say old, age of 50 years; we did not want it to pass without making some official comment; and

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WHEREAS, David Axelrod is a nationally recognized political media consultant having produced winning media and messages for over 150 campaigns at the local, state, and national levels; and

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WHEREAS, As a highly respected former journalist for the Chicago Tribune, Mr. Axelrod served as the City Hall bureau chief and was the youngest political writer and columnist in the paper's history; and

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WHEREAS, David Axelrod most recently developed the winning media campaign in both the primary and general elections for Illinois' U.S. Senator Barak Obama, as well as an intense re-election campaign for Philadelphia Mayor John Street; he was a media strategist for the John Edwards for President campaign and is currently working as a media consultant to the Democratic National Committee; and

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WHEREAS, As a specialist in urban politics, Mr. Axelrod has produced victories for mayoral candidates in major urban cities besides Philadelphia, including Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Houston, Salt Lake City, and Washington D.C.; and

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WHEREAS, He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Communication Studies at Northwestern University and has lectured on political media at Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Pennsylvania; he is a much sought after national political commentator in print and television and radio; and

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1 WHEREAS, David and his lovely wife, Susan, are the proud
2 parents of three beautiful children; he is a generous, caring,
3 and loyal friend and colleague to many; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we hereby recognize and congratulate David Axelrod on his
7 fiftieth birthday; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to David Axelrod in recognition of his many
10 contributions to improving the quality of political dialogue in
11 America and for being just a really great guy, father, and
12 husband.