



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Matthew Coll has been chosen as the West Suburban  
3 Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Youth Employee of the Year;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Youth Employee of the Year Award is given to  
6 an outstanding employee who demonstrates reliability, good  
7 customer service, or the ability to work well with others, go  
8 above and beyond, catch on quickly, rise to the occasion, or  
9 overcome obstacles, or who demonstrates other worthy  
10 characteristics; the award is one of four Pride of the Future  
11 Youth Awards given by the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and  
12 Industry; and

13 WHEREAS, Matthew has worked as part of the Workforce  
14 Investment Act (WIA) work experience program; he has grown from  
15 someone who struggled to know his own abilities to someone who  
16 now defines how he needs and wants to grow; he overcomes  
17 incredible obstacles on a daily basis that few in our society  
18 neither recognize nor begin to understand; and

19 WHEREAS, In an effort to gain and build relationships with  
20 others, Matthew takes the time to learn many things, whether  
21 those things interest him specifically or not; he is reliable  
22 and pushes himself into new territory, taking responsibility  
23 for his daily goals; he has become a team player who takes  
24 responsibility for his actions and is a good friend to others;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Matthew has learned to adapt to new situations and  
27 has learned to advocate for himself by informing his  
28 supervisors, co-workers, and others of his weaknesses and his  
29 strengths; his ability to move forward daily, regardless of the  
30 barriers he faces, is inspiring; he is the living embodiment of  
31 the phrase "never give up"; and

1           WHEREAS, Matthew's hard work and independence is an asset  
2 to his work team; he has shown self-determination, team spirit,  
3 and initiative by consistently performing his tasks, helping  
4 others when he has completed his own duties, and demonstrating  
5 a willingness to take on new tasks; he has definitely had a  
6 positive impact on the work experience program; and

7           WHEREAS, Matthew has learned that it is okay to ask for  
8 help and to think things through, and that success only comes  
9 after many failures; he has also learned to be more cooperative  
10 with others; maturity is one of his major accomplishments, as  
11 he is better at having conversations, quieter, more mindful of  
12 others, and more respectful of the opinions of others; and

13           WHEREAS, Matthew is intelligent, inquisitive, generous  
14 with his knowledge, and often manages to get everyone around  
15 him smiling; he is an assistant coach for the Special Olympics  
16 Track and Field for the South East Association for Special  
17 Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR) and has assisted his father in  
18 coaching Special Olympics swimming and cross country skiing;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Matthew's interests include paleontology,  
21 designing theme parks, and making science fiction movies; he  
22 enjoys visiting friends on weekends, watching television,  
23 reading books, fishing, and traveling; therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
26 we congratulate Matthew Coll on being chosen as the West  
27 Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Youth Employee of  
28 the Year and wish him the very best in his future endeavors;  
29 and be it further

30           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Matthew Coll as an expression of our admiration  
2 and esteem.