



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois wish to congratulate Richard Powers on being
4 awarded the National Book Award for his fiction novel "The Echo
5 Maker"; and

6 WHEREAS, Winners of the National Book Award each receive a
7 prize of \$10,000; and

8 WHEREAS, "The Echo Maker" is a scientific tale of memory
9 and identity set in the age of September 11th and the Iraq War;
10 it includes passages on neurology and clinical psychology in a
11 story about a man who loses his memory in a car crash and the
12 sister who agonizes over his failure to recognize her; he often
13 refers to the news of the time, setting his narrative against
14 the shock of the terrorist attacks and the determined path to
15 the Iraq War; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard Powers is a Swanlund Chair professor at
17 the University of Illinois and has long worked in his love for
18 science in such works as "Galatea 2.2" and "Operation Wandering
19 Soul"; and

20 WHEREAS, Richard Powers is a widely respected author with a
21 passionate readership; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we congratulate Richard Powers on being awarded the National
25 Book Award; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to Richard Powers as a token of our esteem.