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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Judge James M. Wexstten on
4 being named to fill the vacant position on the Fifth District
5 Appellate Court; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Wexstten has served as the circuit judge in
7 the 13-county Second Judicial Circuit since 1988, and has been
8 elected judge twice; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Wexstten is a graduate of Nokomis High
10 School, attended Kaskaskia College, and graduated from
11 Southern Illinois University in Carbondale with his bachelor's
12 and law degrees; and

13 WHEREAS, Judge Wexstten was "highly recommended" by a 2002
14 Illinois State Bar Association judicial evaluation for the
15 office of justice of the appellate court, and his retention
16 numbers have been consistently high; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Wexstten was admitted to practice law in
18 1977; he also was admitted to practice in the United States
19 District Court/Southern District and the United States Court of
20 Appeals in the 7th District; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Wexstten is the immediate past president of
2 the Illinois Judges Association, past president of the
3 Jefferson County Bar Association, and has served on numerous
4 Illinois State Bar Association and Supreme Court committees;
5 before becoming a judge, he was in private practice and served
6 as bankruptcy trustee for the United States Bankruptcy Court
7 for the Southern District of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Wexstten's appointment begins February 2,
9 2007 and will end on December 1, 2008 when the position is
10 filled at the general election held in November of 2008;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate Judge James Wexstten on being named to fill the
15 position on the Fifth District Appellate Court; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Judge Wexstten as an expression of our respect and
19 esteem.