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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives have learned that Michael Skarr, who has served
4 as President & CEO of the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce
5 since 1996, will retire from that position at the end of 2007;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Under Michael Skarr's leadership the Naperville
8 Area Chamber of Commerce's Membership has nearly doubled and
9 its financial fortunes have brightened considerably; he
10 oversaw the organization's relocation to its modern
11 headquarters in the Main Street Promenade, its move to a new
12 Membership model, its receipt of Five-Star Accreditation from
13 the United States Chamber of Commerce, and the recent strategic
14 planning initiative, Chamber 2020; and

15 WHEREAS, Michael Skarr received an engineering degree from
16 Marquette University and an MBA from Lewis University; he also
17 graduated from the Middle Management Development Program at
18 Aurora University, where he received their Outstanding
19 Performance Award and Distinguished Alumni Award; he has served
20 as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Aurora University's Management
21 Development Center and at Lewis University; and

22 WHEREAS, Michael Skarr received a Distinguished Alumni

1 Achievement Award in community service from Lewis University
2 and was recognized with their Distinguished Alumni Award, in
3 addition to currently serving as a member of the President's
4 Council; he was a recipient of the Naperville Jaycee's
5 Distinguished Service Award in business, the Illinois State
6 Crime Commission's Business Leader of the Year Award, the
7 DuPage Workforce Board's Business Leader Recognition Award,
8 and the Extraordinary Citizen Award from the Three Fires
9 Council Boy Scouts of America; and

10 WHEREAS, Michael Skarr served as a member of the Naperville
11 Community Unit School District 203 board of education and as
12 founding president of its Business & Education & Community
13 Partnership, and he was a founding member of the Illinois
14 Advisory Council on Business/Education Partnerships; he was
15 appointed to the Illinois State Board of Education by former
16 Governor Jim Edgar and served four years as chairperson; he has
17 served as a member of the Governor's Economic Development
18 Coordinating Council, the Joint Education Commission, and the
19 Illinois Human Resource Investment Council, where he served as
20 co-chair of the Illinois Education-To-Careers steering
21 committee; and he is also a board member of the DuPage
22 Workforce Board; and

23 WHEREAS, Michael Skarr has served as both president and a
24 founding member of the board of directors of the Naperville

1 Development Partnership, a public/private economic development
2 not-for-profit corporation; he is also a founding Board member
3 of DuPageBiz, DuPage County's economic development
4 partnership; he serves on the Board of the World Trade Center
5 Illinois; he is chairman of the board of directors of the
6 Harris Bank Naperville and a member of the Center for
7 Applications-Based Learning board of directors; he is a past
8 President of the Naperville United Way and is a member of the
9 board of directors of the Millennium Carillon Foundation; he
10 serves as treasurer for the Transportation for Illinois
11 Coalition; he serves as a member of the Naperville Downtown
12 Plan Implementation Committee; and he has also served on the
13 Executive Committee of the Chicago Area Council Boy Scouts of
14 America; and

15 WHEREAS, Michael Skarr has had an extensive career for
16 NICOR Inc., a Fortune 500 energy holding company; he is also
17 President of Human Dynamics Associates; he has been appointed
18 to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce Committee
19 of 100 (CCC100) and also served on the American Chamber of
20 Commerce Executives Board of Directors; and

21 WHEREAS, Michael Skarr has been married to Mary Ann since
22 1965; he is the proud father of Mike Jr., Mark, and Matt, and
23 the loving grandfather of Alex, Ryan, Ashley, Jack, Sarah,
24 Nolan, and Kaden; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Michael Skarr on his retirement and wish him the
4 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Michael Skarr as a symbol of our respect.