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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Richard Rosenberg
4 on receiving the 58th Elmhurst Jaycees Distinguished Service
5 Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Rosenberg has been an Elmhurst resident
7 since 1967 and is the President and Owner of Phototek
8 Corporation, a worldwide government supplier of photographic
9 identification systems; he is a 17-year member of the Elmhurst
10 Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and served as a Director for
11 two three-year terms and was a five-year member of the
12 Executive Committee, including Chairman of the Board in 2004,
13 and chaired other Committees and Task Forces; and

14 WHEREAS, He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Beloit
15 College; he also owns Elmhurst Camera and Imaging Center and
16 both businesses are members of the Spring Road Business
17 Association; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Rosenberg has a long history of enriching the
19 lives of Elmhurst residents by volunteering his time to many
20 different programs; in 1990 he created "Special Kids Day", a
21 day where physically and developmentally disabled children and
22 their families have a chance to see Santa Claus on their own

1 terms in a safe, nonjudgmental environment; the event has grown
2 by leaps and bounds, and in 2008 attracted more than 500
3 children; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rosenberg also developed the program "Easter
5 Bunny at Easter Seals DuPage County" for physically and
6 developmentally disabled children and their families; he also
7 volunteers his time as part of the Junior Achievement Program
8 at York Community High School and teaches in its Titan program;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Rosenberg, as a 28-year member of the Kiwanis
11 Club of Elmhurst, supports the Elmhurst Life Skills Academy
12 (ELSA) program at Elmhurst College; the Elmhurst Life Skills
13 Academy program offers a modified college structure to
14 qualifying special children that enhances their own abilities
15 and gives them the experience of going to college along with
16 the opportunity to earn a college certificate; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Rosenberg's drive and generosity is also felt
18 far beyond the boundaries of Elmhurst; while in Africa in 2008,
19 he noticed shoeless children walking miles to and from school;
20 determined to help, he initiated and runs Soles for Africa, an
21 organization that collects gently used shoes and donates them
22 to children in Africa; Soles for Africa has already donated
23 over 450 pairs of shoes to needy African children; therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate Richard Rosenberg on this honor and wish him the
5 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Richard Rosenberg as a symbol of our respect.