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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the staff of the
4 Gail Borden Library on winning the 2009 National Medal for
5 Museum and Library Service; and

6 WHEREAS, The Institute of Museum and Library Service has
7 selected five museums and five libraries to receive the 2009
8 National Medal for Museum and Library Service; the National
9 Medal is the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries
10 that make extraordinary civic, educational, economic,
11 environmental, and social contributions; and

12 WHEREAS, The Institute of Museum and Library Services is
13 the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000
14 libraries and 17,500 museums; the Institute's mission is to
15 create strong libraries and museums that connect people to
16 information and ideas; and

17 WHEREAS, The Gail Borden Public Library is the heart and
18 hub of exciting activities in Elgin; its motto, "Learning is a
19 Journey...Start It Here," has been the inspiration behind many
20 activities, including the Dr. Torres Library Card Challenge, a
21 month-long program that resulted in 8,000 new library cards for
22 local kids; the "A Tapestry of Freedom" project, which

1 encouraged residents, especially foreign-born patrons, to
2 share their stories of struggle and triumph with fellow Elgin
3 citizens; and the GIANTS: African Dinosaurs and SPACE: Dare to
4 Dream programs that brought to the library prehistoric visitors
5 and objects from far-flung galaxies; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to the National Medal, which will be
7 awarded in an upcoming Washington, D.C. ceremony, each
8 institution receives a \$10,000 award; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate the staff of the Gail Borden Library on this award
12 and thank them for their work in the community; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the staff of the Gail Borden Library in Elgin as a
16 symbol of our respect and esteem.