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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague, Illinois State Representative Mark Walker, for his dedicated service to the people of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Walker was elected to serve as State Representative in November of 2008; he has faithfully served the 66th District in the Illinois House of Representatives during the 96th General Assembly; he has been a tireless advocate for his district and a strong voice for his constituents; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to his election, Representative Walker proudly enlisted in the United States Army and served in Vietnam, earning the Bronze Star for his service; as co-chair of the Northwest Suburban Veterans Advisory Council, he continues working to improve the quality of care that injured veterans receive from Illinois' medical facilities, including access to mental health counseling for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder; and

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WHEREAS, After his service to our country and an honorable discharge from the Army, Representative Walker earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Brown University before

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1 starting a successful career in the financial services
2 industry; and

3 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Illinois House of
4 Representatives, Representative Walker has been a thoughtful
5 and effective member of the Access to Federal Funding,
6 Appropriations-Human Services, Cities & Villages,
7 International Trade & Commerce, and Veterans' Affairs
8 committees; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Walker has shepherded many
10 beneficial and meaningful pieces of legislation through the
11 General Assembly; he sponsored legislation assisting the
12 survivors of fallen service members; he has also helped to
13 reform State government and to increase the transparency of its
14 operations; protect children from dangerous sexual predators,
15 impeach corrupt former Governor Rod Blagojevich, and encourage
16 business development in Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Walker vigorously fought to roll
18 back a burdensome sales tax in Cook County and to protect
19 Illinois consumers and businesses by passing legislation that
20 makes it easier for the Cook County Board of Commissioners to
21 override a board president's veto; and

22 WHEREAS, Beyond his tenure in the House, Representative

1 Walker has also served on the Arlington Heights Park Foundation
2 Board, leading efforts to renovate and revive Arlington
3 Heights' historic Memorial Park; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Walker and his wife, Joan, have
5 lived in Arlington Heights for over 25 years and are the proud
6 parents of their son, Stephen; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Walker has served the people of
8 Illinois with distinction, especially with regards to his
9 efforts to keep businesses and jobs in the State, his
10 impressive work on behalf of his fellow veterans, and his drive
11 to bring a more business-minded sensibility to the management
12 of the State's budget and finances; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 honor State Representative Mark Walker for his dedicated
16 service to the people of Illinois and the residents of his
17 district and wish him much success and happiness in his future
18 endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Representative Mark Walker as a symbol of our
21 esteem and respect.