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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 members of Illinois WHEREAS, The the House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Quad Cities 4 MetroLink on being selected as the 2012 Outstanding Public 5 Transportation System by the American Public Transportation 6 Association; and

7 WHEREAS, The award is given out amongst all agencies in 8 North America carrying between 1,000,000 and 4,000,000 9 passengers annually; MetroLink carried 3.5 million trips in 10 fiscal year 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, MetroLink beat out 198 other agencies that were in 12 the running for the award; and

WHEREAS, MetroLink continues to improve and expand; the development of the new MetroLink Transit Maintenance Building along the riverfront in Rock Island and the construction of the new MetroLink multi-modal transportation station, which will serve Amtrak and be the nucleus for 2 development plans in neighboring portions of western downtown Moline, should bring good things to the area; and

20 WHEREAS, Development of a Chicago-to-Moline Amtrak route 21 is under way; and

- 1 WHEREAS, MetroLink's general manager is Jeff Nelson;
- 2 therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 5 we congratulate the Quad Cities MetroLink on being selected as
- 6 the 2012 Outstanding Public Transportation System; and be it
- 7 further
- 8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 9 presented to general manager Jeff Nelson as an expression of
- 10 our esteem and respect.