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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our former esteemed
4 colleague, State Representative Thomas Holbrook, for his 17
5 years as a member of the Illinois General Assembly and thank
6 him for his many years of dedicated service to the people of
7 Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook was born November 23,
9 1949; he earned a bachelor's degree in social science and
10 government at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville;
11 worked in the private sector for 33 years, 25 of which he spent
12 at Afton (Ethyl) Corporation, installing, maintaining, and
13 calibrating state of the art instrumentation for monitoring
14 emissions and quality control; he served as a member of the St.
15 Clair County Board from 1981 to 1994, where he actively
16 participated in several committees; he married his wife, Molly,
17 and has one daughter, Susan; he has continued his active
18 involvement in the community by participating in several
19 fraternal and service organizations; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook was first elected to the
21 Illinois House of Representatives in 1994; he served as an
22 advocate for the 113th District in a variety of positions,
23 including as chairman of the House Committee on Environment and

1 Energy, vice-chairman of the House Committee on Public
2 Utilities, as a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative
3 Rules, and as chairman of the Downstate Democratic Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook made it a priority to
5 provide outstanding constituent services to the residents of
6 the 113th District; he fought to secure State funding for
7 crucial community projects and infrastructure improvements
8 across the Metro East region; he loved working to improve our
9 schools, identifying new markets for Illinois agricultural
10 products, creating and retaining jobs, and fighting to support
11 and protect working families; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook was one of the State's
13 leading voices on environmental issues; he served as a member
14 of the House Committee on Environment & Energy for nearly two
15 decades and as chairman for the last decade, helping to craft
16 significant environmental legislation, including a re-write of
17 the procedural process for addressing leaking underground
18 storage tanks; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook has been a strong
20 advocate for education issues and improving the public school
21 system; he helped to implement job-creating infrastructure
22 improvement projects, including vital work on Interstates 64,
23 70, 55, 255, and US Highway 50, and the construction of a new

1 interchange at I-70; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook staunchly defended
3 consumers, securing rate relief for electric ratepayers and
4 creating a new energy procurement agency to lower the cost of
5 energy for customers; he fought the emergence of
6 methamphetamine in downstate Illinois and supported one of the
7 nation's toughest anti-meth laws; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook worked hard to improve
9 the quality of life for Illinois' senior citizens and veterans,
10 backing the creation of the Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical
11 Assistance program, securing substantial property tax relief
12 for older adults and disabled veterans, and sponsoring the
13 first property tax relief in Illinois for disabled veterans,
14 returning veterans, disabled and handicap citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook voted with his district's
16 best interests in mind; he is a staunch defender of the Second
17 Amendment; he worked with local doctors and State officials to
18 address the medical malpractice insurance crisis, allowing
19 more doctors to stay in our communities; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook served as a member of many
21 committees during his tenure in the House, including the
22 committees on Aging, Business Occupational Licenses, Electric

1 Generation & Commerce, Financial Institutions, Fire
2 Protection, Public Utilities, Railroad Safety, Renewable
3 Energy, Registration and Regulation, Revenue,
4 Telecommunications, Tourism, Transportation, and Roads; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Holbrook has been recognized for
6 his legislative efforts by organizations including the
7 Illinois Primary Health Care Association, the Illinois Health
8 Care Association, the HealthCare Council of Illinois, and the
9 Illinois Public Transportation Association; he received the
10 RCGA Lewis and Clark Statesman Award; he was recognized by the
11 Southwestern Illinois Development Authority (SWIDA) for
12 "Outstanding Contributions to Economic Development in
13 Southwestern Illinois" in 2009; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we thank State Representative Thomas Holbrook for his years of
17 dedicated service; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Representative Thomas Holbrook as a token of our
20 respect and esteem and with our best wishes for his future
21 success.