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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Edward Schmit Jr. for his
4 service to the Augustinian Community of St. Rita of Cascia High
5 School in Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Edward Schmit Jr. has served St. Rita High School
7 in many ways as an alumnus; he has been a Fathers Club officer
8 and on the Executive Fund Raising Committee; he has served on
9 the Board of Advisors since 1985 and after 25 years accepted a
10 Board of Advisors Emeritus position of which there are only 12;
11 he was intricately involved with the acquisition of the new
12 high school facility; and

13 WHEREAS, Edward Schmit Jr. has been involved in the larger
14 community outside of St. Rita High School; he served on the
15 board of directors at the Valentine Boys and Girls Club since
16 1985, the Chicago Association for the Education of Young
17 Children for 2 years, and as president of the Teddy Bear Day
18 Care Centers which he founded in 1973; he saw the Teddy Bear
19 Day Care Centers expand to 6 locations and continues to make
20 sure they are up to date and very well kept and secure; he has
21 seen the Teddy Bear Day Care Centers expand from day care
22 centers to full service early childhood educational program
23 under Schmit family leadership; and

1 WHEREAS, Edward Schmit Jr. was born in the Bridgeport area
2 of Chicago on March 30, 1945; he attended St. Anthony of Padua
3 grammar school until 7th grade and in mid-year transferred to
4 St. Simons grammar school where he graduated in 1959; he
5 started at St. Rita of Cascia High School in the fall of 1959
6 and graduated in the spring of 1963; he was drafted into the
7 U.S. Army in 1965 and served in a highly classified
8 intelligence unit for 6 years before being honorably discharged
9 at the rank of sergeant; and

10 WHEREAS, Edward Schmit Jr. is married to Debra Edburg
11 Schmit; they have 5 children together, Heidi Schmit Skokal
12 married to Tony Skokal, Ed Schmit III married to Linda Stiksel
13 Schmit, Heather Schmit, John Schmit married to Maria Moreci
14 Schmit, and Nick Schmit; they have 10 grandchildren, Anthony
15 Jr., Joseph, Vincent, Eddie Schmit IV, Jillian, Peyton,
16 Giovanni, Antonio, Abigail, and Madilyn; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we thank Edward Schmit Jr. for his service to the Augustinian
20 Community of St. Rita of Cascia High School wish him well with
21 all his future endeavours; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Edward Schmit Jr. as an expression of our esteem
2 and respect.