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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives honor J. Thomas Johnson for his distinguished
4 career of service to the people of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Tom was born in DeKalb County; he has been a
6 resident of Cook County for most of his professional career; he
7 earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Northern
8 Illinois University and is a registered Certified Public
9 Accountant in Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Tom served as the Director of the Illinois
11 Department of Revenue from 1980 to 1987; during that time, he
12 served as President of the National Association of Tax
13 Administrators and on President Ronald Reagan's Task Force on
14 Worldwide Unitary Taxation, which was charged to review its
15 impact on foreign trade and relations; and

16 WHEREAS, Tom was an original member and then Chairman of
17 the Illinois Gaming Board from 1990 until 1999; and

18 WHEREAS, Before his appointment at the Department of
19 Revenue, Tom served as the Director of the Illinois Department
20 of Local Government Affairs, the agency then responsible for
21 overseeing the State's administration of real and personal

1 property taxation; and

2 WHEREAS, Tom became President of the Taxpayers' Federation
3 of Illinois on April 1, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, He served as a member of the Property Tax Reform
5 and Relief Task Force, a body created by the General Assembly
6 in 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2009, Governor Pat Quinn appointed Tom chair of
8 the Taxpayer Action Board, which was charged with identifying
9 cost and operating efficiencies in Illinois' government
10 programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Tom was formerly the Partner in Charge of KPMG's
12 Chicago State and Local Tax Practice; and

13 WHEREAS, Before joining KPMG, he served as the National
14 Director of State and Local Taxes for Grant Thornton; and

15 WHEREAS, Tom has been a member of the Board of Directors of
16 the Civic Federation of Chicago, Chairman of the Tax Committee
17 of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Tax
18 Committee of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, a member of the
19 Director's Advisory Board of the Illinois Department of
20 Revenue, and a member of the Board of the Illinois Tax

1 Foundation and the Regional Development Committee of the
2 Metropolitan Planning Council; and

3 WHEREAS, Tom has served as a member of the Advisory Boards
4 of the Georgetown University Law School's State and Local Tax
5 Institute, the National Institute on State and Local Taxation,
6 and the AICPA and Illinois CPA Society's State and Local Tax
7 Committees; and

8 WHEREAS, Tom's knowledge and experience have made him a
9 valuable resource for the Governor and the General Assembly as
10 they have considered changes in State and local tax policy; his
11 participation in legislative and administrative deliberations
12 for the last 30 years has resulted in significant improvements
13 in the tax structure of this State; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we honor J. Thomas Johnson for his distinguished career of
17 service to the people of the State of Illinois; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to J. Thomas Johnson as a symbol of our respect and
21 esteem.