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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Rob Dwyer on the occasion of his retirement as executive director of the Quincy Society of Fine Arts (QSFA) on June 30, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Rob Dwyer is a graduate of the University of California in Berkeley, Harvard Divinity School, and the University of Chicago's Arts Management Institute; and

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WHEREAS, Rob Dwyer has worked for local arts councils for the past 40 years; in 1983, he was selected by the "Skip" Reiss' Arts Management magazine as the outstanding arts administrator in the United States for his work at the local arts council in Reno, Nevada; he has served as an Arts in Education panelist and national site evaluator for the National Endowment for the Arts and panelist for the Illinois Arts Council; he has also worked as a consultant for American Samoa's Department of Education, the Iowa Arts Council, the Indiana University Arts Management School, and the Illinois Arts Peers program; and

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WHEREAS, Rob Dwyer has served as the executive director of the Quincy Society of Fine Arts since 1983; the Quincy Society of Fine Arts is recognized as the oldest volunteer arts

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1 organization in the United States; during his tenure, QSFA's
2 member organizations have grown from 17 to nearly 65, while the
3 organization's annual budget has increased from \$98,000 to
4 \$1,200,000, with \$879,640 in audited marketing services; and

5 WHEREAS, Rob Dwyer was instrumental in the creation of the
6 Marion Gardner Jackson Trust Arts Fund, which has awarded over
7 \$400,000 to arts programs that could demonstrate a direct
8 economic impact on the City of Quincy, such as the free Blues
9 in the District concerts in Washington Park; the television and
10 radio programs created under his leadership have generated over
11 \$15,000,000 of audited marketing support for all the arts in
12 Quincy; he also helped create the Arts/Quincy Riverfest,
13 Arts/Quincy Ball, Art\$ Dollar\$, In\$tant Art\$ Dollar\$,
14 Arts=Education, All-American Kids Awards, Arts Boosters,
15 Arts/Quincy Magazine, Arts/Quincy Social Media, Annual Arts
16 Calendar, Arts/Quincy E-BLASTS, and Forte'; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1991, Rob Dwyer received the Arts Education
18 Service Award from the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education; in
19 1993, he was appointed as a Trustee of the Illinois Summer
20 School for the Arts by Governor Jim Edgar; since 1983, the City
21 of Quincy has won two Governor's Arts Awards from the Illinois
22 Arts Council; and

23 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Rob Dwyer plans to help

1 the Quincy Society of Fine Arts with arts marketing services
2 and help in the selection of a new executive director; he then
3 plans to attend more arts events in Quincy and increase his
4 volunteer arts activities; and

5 WHEREAS, There is considerable evidence that art makes for
6 a better person; through Rob Dwyer's leadership, the arts have
7 flourished and made the greater Quincy region a better place to
8 live and raise families; and

9 WHEREAS, Rob Dwyer serves as a model of hard work,
10 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
11 Illinois; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Rob Dwyer on the occasion of his retirement and
15 wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Rob Dwyer as a symbol of our esteem and respect.