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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Norbert and Charlotte  
4 Zinck on their work with the United States Agency for  
5 International Development (USAID); and

6           WHEREAS, The USAID is the United States federal government  
7 agency primarily responsible for administering civilian  
8 foreign aid; its focus is disaster relief, poverty relief,  
9 cooperation on global issues, supporting U.S. geopolitical  
10 interests, and socioeconomic development in low-income  
11 nations; and

12           WHEREAS, Norbert Zinck has an extensive history of service  
13 with the USAID, often with his wife, Charlotte at his side; and

14           WHEREAS, Norbert Zinck began his connection with the USAID  
15 in 1999 after hearing an advertisement on the radio requesting  
16 volunteers with knowledge of farming, welding, machining,  
17 raising animals, and anything agriculturally related; his  
18 first assignment sent him to Armenia in July of 1999, at that  
19 time, a new country with only substandard equipment to work  
20 with, to teach no-till soybean planting; in addition to  
21 Armenia, he has volunteered in Macedonia, Rwanda, Mozambique,  
22 Siberia, Guyana, Ghana, and Nubaria to help with agricultural

1 production; and

2 WHEREAS, Norbert Zinck has traveled a total of 8 times to  
3 the country of Azerbaijan to aid in everything from soil  
4 preparation and corn production to machinery repair and helping  
5 in obtaining farming loans; he was the first volunteer the new  
6 country of Azerbaijan received from the U.S. in September of  
7 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, Norbert Zinck was born in Mascoutah on December  
9 16, 1934 and Charlotte in St. Louis, Missouri on March 20,  
10 1937; they were married at the Assumption Catholic Church in  
11 Matese, Missouri on November 27, 1958 and have 4 children, Jim  
12 (June), Mary (Don), John (Lisa), and Dan (Carolyn); 12  
13 grandchildren, Jeremy, Sarah, Jaime, Adam, Joshua, Nicole,  
14 Mitchell, Patrick, Allyson, Jackson, Annie, and Kelly; and 2  
15 great-grandchildren, Mellissa and Conner; Norbert currently  
16 operates a shop fabricating, welding, machining, designing,  
17 and repairing equipment for clients, family, and friends;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we honor Norbert and Charlotte Zinck on their work with the  
22 United States Agency for International Development; and be it  
23 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Norbert and Charlotte Zinck as an expression of  
3 our esteem and respect.