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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Arnie Diedrich on
4 receiving the "2016 Most Innovative Blood Drive Coordinator
5 Award" from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Arnie Diedrich organized and hosted his first
8 blood drive in 2003 on behalf of St. John the Baptist Catholic
9 Church Knights of Columbus Council 9167 in Johnsburg; and

10 WHEREAS, Under Arnie Diedrich's leadership, the blood
11 drives have expanded to quarterly community events and the
12 number of units collected at each drive as doubled; and

13 WHEREAS, Arnie Diedrich's efforts have resulted in the
14 collection of over 4500 units of blood, which have the
15 potential to save over 13,000 lives; and

16 WHEREAS, Arnie Diedrich not only recruits donors, but he
17 has also donated 55 pints of blood and donated double red blood
18 cells 18 times, which have the potential to save 275 lives; and

19 WHEREAS, Arnie Diedrich works tirelessly, along with his
20 wife, to promote the blood drives in his community through

1 personal phone calls, social media, speeches to church
2 congregations and business groups, and partnering with other
3 charitable organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, Arnie Diedrich's grandchildren often provide
5 musical entertainment for donors; and

6 WHEREAS, Arnie Diedrich displays his theatrical talents
7 during the holiday seasons by taking on the role of "Santa
8 Arnie" at the Christmas drive, where donors are also treated to
9 a pancake breakfast; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Heartland Blood Centers nominated
11 Arnie Diedrich as the "Most Innovative Blood Drive Coordinator"
12 in a statewide competition hosted by the Illinois Coalition of
13 Community Blood Centers; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 commend Arnie Diedrich for his commitment to insuring a healthy
17 blood supply in his community; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Arnie Diedrich as an expression of our esteem and
20 respect.