

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to congratulate Don A. Turner on
4 his retirement as the President of the Chicago Federation of
5 Labor (CFL) on May 30, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner served as the President of the CFL
7 since December 1995; prior to his election as CFL president,
8 Mr. Turner was elected CFL Secretary-Treasurer; and

9 WHEREAS, Working his way through college, Mr. Turner was
10 a member of the Steelworkers Union (USWA) and Baggage
11 Handlers Union (UTU); as a high school business teacher, he
12 became a member of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) and was
13 elected union delegate in 1968; he later went on to serve as
14 the CTU's administrative director from 1977 to 1984; in 1984,
15 Mr. Turner was elected CTU's vice president and Illinois
16 Federation of Teachers' vice president; he left to work as
17 Assistant to the President and Project Coordinator of the
18 Chicago Federation of Labor; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner served as a co-chair of the
20 Chicagoland Labor Management Committee, a unique partnership
21 the CFL and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce established
22 to help resolve shared employee issues in the workplace; he
23 is a board member of the Metropolis 2020 and the Chicago
24 Workforce Board and serves on the Board of Directors of the
25 Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau, the Chicago
26 Manufacturing Center, Global Chicago, and Citizens Action
27 Illinois; Mr. Turner also serves as a commissioner of the
28 Public Building Commission, an Advisory Council member of the
29 University of Illinois - Chicago School of Public Health, and
30 a member of the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan
31 Planning Council; he is a former member of the Illinois
32 Economic Development Board and the Governor's Commission on

1 Educational Funding and he served as a member of Governor
2 Edgar's Trade Mission to Asia and Mayor Daley's Trade Mission
3 to Mexico; Mr. Turner also served as an election observer in
4 Nicaragua in 1989 and represented the AFL-CIO on visits to
5 Poland; and

6 WHEREAS, In regards to his charitable endeavors, Mr.
7 Turner has served as the Labor Chairperson for the United Way
8 since 1995 and served on the Board of Directors for the Red
9 Cross and the Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts of
10 America; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner and his wife, Bernadette, a
12 scholarship consultant and former English teacher, have two
13 children, Joshua and Matthew; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Don A. Turner on his recent retirement as the
17 President of the Chicago Federation of Labor and wish him all
18 the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Don A. Turner as an expression of our esteem.