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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Michael E. Jackson on  
4 being selected as the Grand Master of The Most Worshipful  
5 Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of  
6 Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, Michael Jackson was elected Grand Master on  
8 October 8, 2021 and is responsible for leading the 47,000  
9 Freemasons who are members of the subordinate lodges in  
10 Illinois; he was named to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in  
11 April 1988 and has been a Mason for over 33 years; and

12           WHEREAS, Michael Jackson's mother lodge is Mt. Moriah  
13 Lodge No. 51 in Hillsboro; he served as its Worshipful Master  
14 in 1993, 1998, and 2010; he also served as Treasurer in 2013;  
15 he has been chosen as an honorary member of five lodges in  
16 Illinois, including Kimmundy Lodge No. 398, Red Bud Lodge No.  
17 427, East Lodge No. 504, Altamont Lodge No. 533, and Frankfort  
18 Lodge No. 567; in addition to his lodge activities, he has  
19 served as an advocate of Masonic education, and he received  
20 commissions as a Grand Lecturer in 1994 and a Grand Lodge  
21 Instructor in 1999; he joined the Grand Lodge Board of Grand  
22 Examiners in 2004, where he served as its Secretary from 2008  
23 to 2009 and Chairman from 2010 to 2013; and

1           WHEREAS, Michael Jackson's first Grand Lodge officer  
2 appointment occurred as a Grand Steward in 1996; he was next  
3 appointed as the Grand Marshal in 2000 and served in that  
4 position for three years; he was later appointed as the Junior  
5 Grand Deacon in 2013 and the Senior Grand Deacon in 2014 before  
6 being elected to Junior Grand Warden in 2015; he has served on  
7 several Grand Lodge committees over the years, including the  
8 Finance Committee, the Illinois Masonic Outreach Services  
9 (IMOS) Board of Managers, and the Illinois Masonic Children's  
10 Assistance Program (IMCAP) Board of Managers; he also served  
11 as the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Africa  
12 (Congo) for five years beginning in 2005; and

13           WHEREAS, Michael Jackson is a devoted member of the  
14 Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Springfield; he was  
15 nominated to receive honorary membership in the Supreme  
16 Council 33° in 2017; he is also a member of the York Rite  
17 Bodies in Hillsboro and served as Past Puissant Sovereign of  
18 St. Edwards Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, having led that  
19 organization in 2017; he is an honorary member of the DeMolay  
20 International Legion of Honor; he also became a member of the  
21 Ainad Shriners of Southern Illinois in East St. Louis in 2018;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, Michael Jackson continues to enjoy a robust

1 professional career dedicated to providing communications  
2 equipment management and services to various customers,  
3 including educational institutions, which has spanned more  
4 than 24 years; throughout his career, he has enjoyed various  
5 technical, supervisory, and management roles, which have  
6 provided a broad understanding of business operations,  
7 including how to effectively lead teams from laborers to  
8 managers; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael Jackson has spent more than 35 years  
10 building a loving family with his wife, including spending  
11 quality time with their daughter, son, and grandchildren; he  
12 also enjoys traveling to relax and explore his surroundings;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate Michael E. Jackson on being selected as the  
17 Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient  
18 Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Michael Jackson as an expression of our esteem  
22 and respect.