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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Bill Rosso of Gurnee on his
4 donation of a historic Illinois Supreme Court desk to the
5 State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Rosso, as a child, purchased the desk from
7 the Effingham City Council for \$18.91 in April 1962; he saved a
8 newspaper article from the Effingham Daily News regarding his
9 purchase, which references that the desks being sold came from
10 the Vandalia Statehouse; and

11 WHEREAS, After additional research, the desk is believed
12 to be one of the pieces created in the mid-1870s as furnishings
13 for the current Capitol building, with desks of the same
14 design being made for members of the Illinois House of
15 Representatives and the Illinois Senate, as well as for use in
16 the Illinois Supreme Court; and

17 WHEREAS, The desk appears to have been received by the
18 Effingham City Council in approximately 1912, due to the most
19 visible signature in a desk drawer being from the city clerk of
20 that year; and

21 WHEREAS, The desk was retrieved from Gurnee by the Office

1 of the Architect of the Capitol in January 2023 and has since
2 been cleaned and stabilized by woodworker specializing in
3 historic pieces; and

4 WHEREAS, The Office of the Architect of the Capitol plans
5 to put the historic desk on display in the future; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we recognize Bill Rosso on his donation of a historic Illinois
10 Supreme Court desk to the State of Illinois, and we thank him
11 for taking great care of the desk over the many years it was in
12 his possession; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Bill Rosso as an expression of our esteem and
15 respect.