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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to 3 congratulate the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce on 4 the occasion of being awarded 5-star accreditation by the U.S.

5 Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Accreditation Program serves to facilitate continuing excellence in the chamber industry and to foster a pro-business environment across the United States; in order to receive accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in its operations and programs, including areas of governance, government affairs, communications, and technology; the program's Accrediting Board rates local chambers as accredited, 3-stars, 4-stars, or 5-stars, with 5-star accreditation remaining in effect for five years; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce was bestowed a designation of 5-star accreditation for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community, marking the third time it has achieved an accredited status of 5-stars and making it among the top 2% of chambers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce was

- 1 noted by the Accrediting Board for serving as a vocal advocate
- for the region's business community, fostering an excellent
- 3 working relationship with elected officials, engaging with
- 4 many regional and state working groups and associations, and
- 5 recognizing the work of its volunteers; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce was
- 7 further recognized for its leadership role in the All In for
- 8 Economic Recovery group, its Advocacy Advisory Council, its
- 9 Mayoral Forum, its Disaster Recovery Plan and utilization of
- 10 the Ready Action Plan to address service continuity, its
- 11 partnership with BIGG Success, and its resource library; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
- 13 remains steadfast in achieving its mission to enhance its
- 14 members' success and advocate on their behalf; therefore, be
- 15 it
- 16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
- 17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the
- 18 Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce on being awarded
- 19 5-star accreditation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and we
- 20 commend the chamber for its continued service and dedication
- 21 to its members; and be it further
- 22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to President and CEO Mike Murphy of the Greater

2 Springfield Chamber of Commerce as an expression of our esteem

3 and respect.