

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate David F. Vite on
4 completing 26 years of service with the Illinois Retail
5 Merchants Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Vite is President and CEO of the Illinois
7 Retail Merchants Association (IRMA) which serves as leader
8 and spokesman for Illinois retailing; he joined in 1978 as
9 Field Representative and later assumed the position of
10 Manager Member Relations with responsibilities for membership
11 and service program development; he was named Vice President
12 Government Affairs in 1981; and

13 WHEREAS, During the time that Mr. Vite was the
14 Association's chief lobbyist, he directed all legislative and
15 governmental affairs activities and served as liaison for
16 members with elected officials, administrative, department,
17 and agency representatives; his activities in that area
18 brought favorable recognition to IRMA and all retailing from
19 media, legislators, and business organizations; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Vite was named Executive Vice President in
21 1983 and in May of 1985, he assumed the position of
22 President; he served two years on the Board of Directors and
23 Executive Committee of the National Retail Federation and
24 chaired the National Association of State Retail Association
25 Executives for one term; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Vite is civically active as well, having
27 served on the school board of St. Mary's Elementary School in
28 Woodstock for five years, two of which, he served as
29 Chairman; he spent eight years on the Memorial Hospital of
30 McHenry County Board of Directors, serving from 1989 until
31 1997, and he served three of those years as the Board
32 Chairman; he also served two years on the Centegra Health

1 System Board of Directors, ending his term in May of 1997;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Vite is a graduate of the University of
4 Wisconsin, Lacrosse and is a former Executive Director of the
5 Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry; he and his wife
6 Jane have two daughters, Amanda and Gretchen; therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate David F. Vite, President and CEO of the
11 Illinois Retail Merchant Association, on successfully
12 completing 26 years of service with that organization; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to David F. Vite as a token of our respect and
16 esteem.