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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Richard A. "Dick" Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the Quad City Area REALTOR Association; and

WHEREAS, Richard A. Armstrong is a native of Springfield; he attended MacMurray College in Jacksonville; he worked with Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Davenport, Iowa, and was field director for the Illowa Council, Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Dick joined the Illinois Quad City Area REALTOR Association in January of 1979 as the Association Executive; he received an Association Executive designation the same year; he received his Certified Association Executive designation in 1993 and a REALTOR Association Certified Executive designation in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dick is a member of the Real Estate Education Association and is known for being involved nationally, statewide, and locally through several committees; he was the Federal District Coordinator for Congressman Lane Evans; he served as a member of many Association Executive Committees and on the Member Services Involvement group; he served on the Professional Standards Committees, the Legislative Committee, the Multi-Family Housing Sub-Committee (1992), the Equal Opportunity House Committee (1990), the License Law Committee (1983), and the Bylaws Committee; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mr. Armstrong, the Quad City REALTOR Association has undergone many changes, growing in multiple ways; in 1979, the Association added online service, which allowed REALTOR offices to access the MLS computer; in 1983, a subsidiary corporation was formed, the Quad City Real

1 Estate Information Services, Inc., which began publishing and
2 distributing real estate advertising; in 1988, a Commercial
3 Division was organized as a joint venture with the Iowa Board
4 with MLS service; at this time, the first on-line system was
5 purchased adding Rock Island and Henry County tax information
6 to the system as well as on-line photos; also in the late
7 1980s, a Board Store was established; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1991, the Association placed the first key safe
9 system in the area into effect; in 1993, the group signed a
10 multi-board agreement with the Galesburg Board of REALTORS and
11 then with the Fulton County Board in 1996; also in 1996, the
12 group entered the world wide web with it's first web page; in
13 1997, the Quad City Real Estate Referral Co. was established
14 along with a multi-board agreement for Professional Standards;
15 in 1999, the Association office was sold and the group moved to
16 its present location; in 2001, Real Estate Education Services,
17 Inc. was established; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong accomplished much in his time of
19 service to the Quad City REALTOR Association and has made the
20 Association what it is today, and he has been instrumental in
21 the development and success of the Galesburg Board of REALTORS;
22 he has been a loyal and long-standing member of the Kiwanis;
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
26 congratulate Mr. Richard Armstrong on the occasion of his
27 retirement from the Quad City REALTOR Association and the
28 Galesburg Board of REALTORS; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Dick Armstrong as an expression of our respect and
31 esteem for his devoted service to the Quad City REALTOR
32 Association and the Galesburg Board of REALTORS.