



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, After 25 years of dedicated service to Tishman
3 Construction Corporation (TCC), Ronald E. Materick, P.E., has
4 retired from his positions as President of the Western Region
5 and Executive Vice President of Tishman Realty & Construction
6 Co., Inc.; and

7 WHEREAS, A native of Brantford, Ontario, Canada, Mr.
8 Materick earned a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Civil
9 Engineering from McMaster University in Ontario, where he
10 received the "Professional Engineer's Gold Medal for Academic
11 Achievement"; he went on to gain a Master of Business
12 Administration from the University of Chicago and attended a
13 summer course in Construction Management at the Massachusetts
14 Institute of Technology; and

15 WHEREAS, After rising through the ranks of two established
16 construction organizations, he joined Tishman in 1979 as
17 President and COO of the Midwest Region; as the head of the
18 Chicago Office, his responsibilities extended to all Tishman
19 activities across 20 states; at the time of his arrival, there
20 were only eight Tishman staff members based in Chicago; during
21 his tenure, he recruited some of the finest available talent
22 across multiple disciplines to build that office into what it
23 is today; the office oversaw a ten-fold increase in annual
24 construction volume from approximately \$30 million to \$300
25 million and a proportionate increase in profitability; and

26 WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Materick assumed responsibility for
27 all of Tishman's Western Region operations, extending from the
28 Allegheny Mountains in the east to Hawaii in the west; in this
29 leadership capacity, he has overseen the planning and
30 construction of a diverse roster of projects totaling several
31 billion dollars, including Gateway IV, PPG Place, Metropolitan
32 Square in downtown St. Louis, Arlington International

1 Racecourse, Hotel Nikko (now the Westin River North), the
2 Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, the Chicago Public Schools
3 Capital Improvement Program, the Chicago Housing Authority
4 Capital Improvement Program, and McCormick Place West; and

5 WHEREAS, More than just a builder, Mr. Materick has
6 dedicated significant time, energy, and resources to
7 industry-related and altruistic pursuits; described by
8 colleagues as being "consistent, dependable, and unswerving",
9 these character traits have manifested themselves in his life
10 outside of Tishman as well; he is a member and former Chairman
11 of the Building Industry Council of the Landmarks Preservation
12 Council of Illinois, working to preserve and restore Chicago's
13 landmark and historic buildings; he sits on the Board of
14 Directors of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and is a
15 founding member of the Chicago Construction & Real Estate
16 Council of the City of Hope; in 1991, he received the
17 organization's "Spirit of Life Award" in recognition of his
18 outstanding career achievements; in 1999, he was named
19 "Chicago's Contractor of the Year" by the Coalition for United
20 Community Action; in conjunction with that award, Chicago Mayor
21 Richard M. Daley proclaimed June 26, 1999, to be "Ronald E.
22 Materick Day" in the city; and

23 WHEREAS, Other philanthropic endeavors include sponsoring
24 the Ronald E. Materick Scholarship program at his alma mater,
25 McMaster University, and the Ronald E. Materick Bursaries
26 through McMaster Financial Aid and the Province of Ontario; he
27 also established a fellowship in his name to fund the research
28 and treatment of childhood leukemia at City of Hope National
29 Medical Center in Duarte, California; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Materick looks forward to spending time with
31 his family; he and his wife Karen have been married for 43
32 years; they have two grown sons, J. Bradley, age 31, and Craig,
33 age 29, as well as a 4-year-old granddaughter, Katie;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Ronald E. Materick, P.E., on the occasion of
5 his retirement after 25 years of service at Tishman
6 Construction Corporation, and we salute his many
7 accomplishments during that time; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to him as an expression of our respect and esteem and
10 with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.