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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the staff of the Elmhurst
4 Art Museum on the occasion of the museum's 10th anniversary in
5 its award-winning building; and

6 WHEREAS, The Elmhurst Art Museum was created in 1980 by the
7 Elmhurst Fine Arts and Civic Center Foundation; by 1983, the
8 museum was granted the use of two rooms in the Elmhurst
9 Community Center and for the next sixteen years exhibited
10 exclusively Illinois artists; in 1990, the museum became aware
11 of an opportunity to purchase the McCormick House, one of only
12 three homes in the U.S. designed and built by Ludwig Mies van
13 der Rohe; the house was purchased in 1991; and

14 WHEREAS, The current site of the Elmhurst Art Museum opened
15 in September 1997; since its opening, the building has won the
16 Chicago AIA Regional Architecture Award, and was nominated for
17 a National Distinguished Building Award for Architectural
18 Excellence and named the "Best Suburban Art Museum in Chicago"
19 by Chicago Magazine; the nationally recognized building is a
20 center of important community advocacy through its programs and
21 exhibitions, and by its close working relationships with
22 residents of DuPage County, the State of Illinois, and the
23 Midwest region; the building has also become an important site

1 for art exhibitions, providing wide exposure for many artists
2 in the State; and

3 WHEREAS, The Elmhurst Art Museum's mission is to provide
4 the people of Elmhurst and its surrounding communities with a
5 center for the visual arts and a welcoming atmosphere where art
6 can be viewed, studied, created, and appreciated in an
7 architecturally significant facility; the museum also places a
8 great importance on the enrichment of the lives of its visitors
9 by broadening their knowledge, increasing sensitivity to the
10 fine arts, and by sparking the development of their own
11 creative talents; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate the staff of the Elmhurst Art Museum on the
15 occasion of the museum's 10th anniversary in its award-winning
16 building and wish them continued success in the future; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to a representative of the Elmhurst Art Museum as a
20 symbol of our respect and esteem.