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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Manny Shellist for  
4 the successful creation and touring of his Gettysburg Address  
5 wood carving; and

6           WHEREAS, Manny Shellist, a member of the Glenview Senior  
7 Club, conceived the idea for the Gettysburg Address wood  
8 carving; utilizing 28 strips of basswood, each 24 inches wide  
9 by 3 inches high, he personally carved the 1,211 individual  
10 3/4-inch high letters which make up the 217 words contained in  
11 the historic document; Bob Crampton and Paul Gotschewski, also  
12 members of the Glenview Senior Club, meticulously planned and  
13 executed the detailed finishing and assembly of the final  
14 piece, which stands 8 feet tall; and

15           WHEREAS, Following the completion of the Gettysburg  
16 Address wood carving, the piece has embarked on a tour to show  
17 off this wonderful carving at various tourist destinations and  
18 public buildings, including The Grove, Sun City in Huntley,  
19 Wagner Farm, Ravinia, Attea Middle School, Springman Middle  
20 School, and the Glenview Public Library; and

21           WHEREAS, The superb craftsmanship and historical  
22 significance of the Gettysburg Address wood carving is worthy

1 of the greatest respect; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 congratulate Manny Shellist for the successful creation and  
5 touring of his Gettysburg Address wood carving and wish him  
6 continued success and happiness with his future projects; and  
7 be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Manny Shellist as a symbol of our esteem and  
10 respect.