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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jim DeLuca on the  
4 occasion of being the recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year  
5 Award from the Italian American Executives of Transportation;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Jim DeLuca was born in Chicago to Antonio and  
8 Assunta DeLuca; both of his parents immigrated to the United  
9 States from Calabria, Italy in September of 1928; and

10           WHEREAS, Jim DeLuca served his country with honor and  
11 distinction as a member of the United States Armed Forces  
12 during the Korean Conflict, serving 14 months in Korea from  
13 1951 until 1953; after his honorable discharge from the Army,  
14 he married Lena Lasorsa; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1961, Jim DeLuca went into the grocery  
16 business, opening Mayfair Foods in Franklin Park; he also had a  
17 brief stint in the catering business and owned the famous  
18 slides and batting cages on Lake Street; after retiring in  
19 1991, he decided to devote his time and energy helping children  
20 and seniors with various community projects; and

21           WHEREAS, Jim DeLuca is one of the founders of the Americans

1 of Italian Descent of DuPage County, which was founded in 1978;  
2 the organization seeks to aid those in need, including children  
3 with disabilities and senior citizens, as well as awarding  
4 scholarships and donating items to the Pantry, a community  
5 organization that gives food and assistance to families in  
6 need; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim DeLuca is proud to be a full-blooded  
8 Calabrese, with his heritage leading him to join the Calabrese  
9 in America Organization, a group that holds many functions that  
10 celebrate Italian and Calabrese culture and raise funds for  
11 charities; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim DeLuca is a very active member of the Italian  
13 American Executives of Transportation, which seeks to donate  
14 scholarships, support educational programs, and assist other  
15 organizations to enhance the Italian image in the community;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Jim DeLuca is well known among his peers for his  
18 passionate work on the behalf of children with disabilities; he  
19 is an enthusiastic supporter, fundraiser, and active member of  
20 the Midwest Council for Children with Disabilities, a group  
21 that has helped countless numbers of disabled children and  
22 their families; and

1           WHEREAS, Jim DeLuca's work with disabled children and his  
2 willingness to help those in need make him worthy of both the  
3 Humanitarian of the Year Award and the respect of the people of  
4 the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 congratulate Jim DeLuca on the occasion of being the recipient  
8 of the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Italian American  
9 Executives of Transportation and wish him continued success and  
10 happiness in the future; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Jim DeLuca as a symbol of our esteem and respect.