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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Charlie Kim on the occasion of becoming a United States citizen on January 6, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Kim was born in Korea in 1939; he has lived in the United States for 35 years; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Kim has bore witness to the Japanese occupation of Korea, the end of World War II, and the Korean War; during the Korean War, his family fled to the south to escape Russian occupation; from 1959 to 1962, he served in the Marine Corps for the Republic of Korea (ROK); he is currently a member of the 1st Marine Division Association and was awarded honorary general status in the Marine Corps in 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Kim is fluent in German; he has performed German and Russian translations at the National War College and often visits the German town in Chicago to talk with various German Americans; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Kim has published two books in Korean, including volume 1 of a 12-volume history on the Battle of Stalingrad and a history on Genghis Khan; and

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1           WHEREAS, Charlie Kim believes in serving the less  
2 fortunate; for 5 years, he, along with other Lions Club  
3 members, volunteered once a month at the Lincoln Park Community  
4 Shelter by providing haircuts, medical help, and food; and

5           WHEREAS, Charlie Kim was the founder of the Chicago Tae-sup  
6 Lions Club in October of 2004; and

7           WHEREAS, Charlie Kim married Boon Ok Kim in 1970; his wife  
8 is currently studying to become a U.S. citizen; together, they  
9 have a son, Ki Won Kim, and a daughter, Jun Sook Kim;  
10 therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate Charlie Kim on the occasion of becoming a United  
14 States citizen and wish him success and happiness in his future  
15 endeavors; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Charlie Kim as a symbol of our esteem and respect.