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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Norman R. Buecker
4 for his 60 years of dedicated service as a member of the
5 Masonic Fraternity; and

6 WHEREAS, Norman Buecker was born on January 2, 1925; he is
7 the owner of Norman's Plumbing & Heating in Springfield; and

8 WHEREAS, Norman Buecker began his long tenure with the
9 Masonic Fraternity when he petitioned Tyrian Lodge 333 of
10 Springfield, where he was raised as a Master Mason on February
11 23, 1949; he quickly became an active member in the fraternity,
12 joining the Valley of Springfield Ancient Accepted Scottish
13 Rite (AASR) on April 18, 1949, the Springfield Chapter of the
14 Royal Arch Masons on October 26, 1960, the Springfield Council
15 of the Royal Select Masters on October 28, 1960, and the Elwood
16 Commandery of the Knights Templar on January 2, 1961; he was
17 coroneted as a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite on September 30, 1970;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Norman Buecker has served in numerous positions of
20 authority within the Masonic Fraternity; he served as Most Wise
21 Master of the Springfield Chapter Rose Croix AASR from 1973 to
22 1975; he served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois

1 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF & AM) from 1979 to 1981
2 and as Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge from 1981 to 1988; he
3 became an active member of the Supreme Council, Sovereign Grand
4 Inspector General of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1981,
5 becoming the council's Grand Treasurer General in 1989; he
6 served as Deputy of the State of Illinois, Illinois Council of
7 Deliberation of the AASR from 1992 to 2001; he has also served
8 as a Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Illinois AF & AM and
9 is a Past Chairman of the Grand Lodge's Board of Grand
10 Examiners; and

11 WHEREAS, Norman Buecker has been the recipient of numerous
12 accolades from the Masons, including the Meritorious Service
13 Award, which he received on June 1, 1965; he was also the
14 recipient of the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor; and

15 WHEREAS, Norman Buecker serves as a model of hard work,
16 integrity, and dedication to his fellow Masons and the people
17 of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate Norman R. Buecker for his 60 years of dedicated
21 service as a member of the Masonic Fraternity and wish him
22 continued success and happiness in the years to come; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Norman Buecker as a symbol of our esteem and
3 respect.