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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to thank the workers of Waste
4 Management Inc. in Elgin for their hard work and diligence in
5 saving Old Glory from the trash; and

6 WHEREAS, All 26 drivers at Waste Management's Elgin
7 facility work together to pull flags from the trash; the idea
8 started about four years ago with two drivers who now work for
9 the company in other towns; and

10 WHEREAS, Representatives with the American Legion's
11 headquarters in Indianapolis, blame ignorance of federal code,
12 which says United States flags should be discarded in a
13 dignified manner, preferably by burning; boxes of flags in the
14 office fill up more before a big holiday, such as Memorial Day
15 or the 4th of July; some arrive torn to pieces, others are in
16 nearly perfect condition; and

17 WHEREAS, Since October of 2008, 304 flags have been
18 collected out of the garbage and donated to the American Legion
19 Post 57 in Elgin; the American Legion properly disposes of used
20 American flags, whether large or small; and

21 WHEREAS, The men and women of Waste Management Inc.

1 include: Tom Sundstrom, Mike Mulvey, Mike Schuiteman, Timothy
2 Weiher, William S. Baker, Stephen Barak, Don Barr, Mathew
3 Binzen, Robert Buhlman, Ken Buhlman, Steve Bywater, Anthony
4 Campagna, Hugo Cortez, Alan Crawford, Julian Davis, Mel Dodge,
5 Leonard Hasemen, Chris Henning, Charles Henson, Joe Jannuzio,
6 Donald Juarez, Kyle Klapprodt, Karl Kolstoe, Jason Kropp, Mark
7 Kryger, Ken Lancaste, Luis Lara, Jamie Lauderdale, Sue Lewis,
8 David Luplow, Brian Massow, Dale Mathews, Robert McMiller, Dave
9 Miedema, Mike Straight, Eduardo Moreno, Marcus Pettaway,
10 Gordon Porter, Jesse Reuter, Craig Rohrsen, Alvaro Rubio,
11 Barbara Shachter, Russel Skepnek, Tom Smith, Mike Soto, Rick
12 Walters, Rodney Weber, Dan Zielke, Doug Zywickiel, Eric Bandler,
13 Jamie Enger, Kenneth Holt, Tom Klasen, Mike Nelson, Charles
14 Strackney, Steve Wasik, Anita Mottys, and Brandy Maier; and

15 WHEREAS, Greg Olsen, a native of Canada, has dual
16 citizenship and pulls in more flags than any other Waste
17 Management worker; he was recently honored by the American
18 Legion in Elgin and the State of Illinois American Legion for
19 his efforts; and

20 WHEREAS, Working together, the men and women of Waste
21 Management Inc. have shown patriotism and pride in their
22 country and the flag through these efforts; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 thank Greg Olsen and the men and women of Waste Management Inc.
3 in Elgin for their hard work in saving Old Glory from the trash
4 and making sure that flags are disposed of in a proper manner;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the men and women of Waste Management Inc. in
8 Elgin as a symbol of our respect.