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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Jewish B2B  
4 Networking Organization for its continued service to the small  
5 business community; and

6           WHEREAS, Small businesses represent 99.7% of all employer  
7 firms in the United States, employ just over half of all  
8 private sector employees, and pay 44% of the total U.S. private  
9 payroll; and

10           WHEREAS, Unemployment currently averages 7.5%,  
11 representing over 11 million Americans that are out of work and  
12 are seeking work; and

13           WHEREAS, Jewish B2B Networking, under the direction of Mr.  
14 Shalom Klein, was founded in June of 2010 to connect and  
15 empower small businesses, service the needs of individuals in  
16 transition, and develop programming that has successfully  
17 brought together thousands of individuals; Jewish B2B  
18 Networking has put 315 people to work in this tough economic  
19 climate; and

20           WHEREAS, Over 8,000 people have participated in networking  
21 sessions, educational programming, and other services through

1 Jewish B2B Networking; the organization is currently assisting  
2 almost 1,300 job seekers in updating their resumes; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois remains committed to  
4 economic development, bringing new businesses to our State, and  
5 creating an environment that is friendly to small businesses,  
6 which make up 98% of Illinois employers; and

7 WHEREAS, 5,000 business networkers are expected to attend  
8 Jewish B2B Networking's free business and employment expo, The  
9 Business Event, which will be held on June 20, 2013 in  
10 Evanston; the event is dedicated to assisting small business  
11 owners and job seekers; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate the members of the Jewish B2B Networking  
15 Organization and commend them for the excellence they have  
16 achieved; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Mr. Shalom Klein, Director of the Jewish B2B  
19 Networking Organization, as a symbol of our respect and esteem.