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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, After 29 years of dedicated service, William D.  
3 "Bill" Olson will retire on December 31, 2013 as President of  
4 the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois, the business  
5 trade association that represents the interests of beer  
6 distributors licensed by the State of Illinois to bring beer  
7 into Illinois and distribute to licensed retailers in  
8 accordance with the State's alcohol regulatory system; and

9           WHEREAS, William Olson began his career with the Associated  
10 Beer Distributors of Illinois on January 1, 1985; as Chief  
11 Executive Officer, he has been responsible for all association  
12 programs and activities, including its government relations  
13 activities and the Political Action Committee; and

14           WHEREAS, William Olson is a past president of the Wholesale  
15 Beer Association Executives, the national organization of  
16 chief staff officers of state beer wholesaler associations, he  
17 currently serves as the organization's representative on the  
18 Industry Affairs Committee for the National Beer Wholesalers  
19 Association; he is also a member of the Illinois Society of  
20 Association Executives and the American Society of Association  
21 Executives; and

22           WHEREAS, William Olson is a graduate of Illinois College in

1 Jacksonville and was elected President of his junior and senior  
2 classes; he has also taken graduate courses in business and  
3 management at the University of Illinois in Springfield; and

4 WHEREAS, After graduating in 1968, William Olson joined the  
5 Household Finance Corporation in Chicago; in 1972, he moved to  
6 Springfield to begin his career as a government relations  
7 representative for Household and its subsidiary companies; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1977, William Olson joined the Association for  
9 Modern Banking as the Director of Government Relations; as  
10 Director, he guided industry lobbying efforts, including the  
11 passage of legislation to authorize multi-office banking and to  
12 end Illinois' unit banking system; and

13 WHEREAS, William Olson has been the recipient of several  
14 awards, including the "Retailers Award of Merit" from the  
15 Illinois Liquor Stores Association in 1993, the Associated Beer  
16 Distributors of Illinois' "Richard A. Mautino Award" for  
17 industry service in 1995, recognition from the Illinois  
18 Licensed Beverage Association in 1996, the "Industry Service  
19 Award" in 1997, the General Excellence Award from the Illinois  
20 State Crime Commission in 2003, and the National Beer  
21 Wholesalers "Life Service Award" in 2013; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1989, William Olson was recognized for his

1 outstanding efforts as a lobbyist by being elected by his peers  
2 to serve as "Speaker" of the Illinois Third House, an  
3 organization of registered lobbyists in Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, William Olson was born and raised in Chicago; he  
5 is married to Jean Aden Olson and is the father of Ashley  
6 Olson, who lives and works in Atlanta, Georgia; therefore, be  
7 it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we commend William D. Olson for his excellent service to the  
11 Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois and the people of  
12 Illinois and wish him a long and happy retirement; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to William Olson as an expression of our esteem and  
16 respect.