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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor Tadas Kicielinski for his many achievements; and

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WHEREAS, Tadas Kicielinski has been an ironworker for more than 44 years; as a member of Local No. 392, he has supervised many projects as a Foreman, General Foreman, and Project Superintendent and has worked as an Apprentice Instructor for 3 years; he started out as an Executive Board Member before his election to the position of Vice-President of the Local; in 1989, he was appointed to serve as a Business Manager, a position he was later elected to; and

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WHEREAS, Tadas Kicielinski left the position of Business Manager to become the Executive Director of the Southwestern Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council, where he represented all of the trades and worked diligently to make Project Labor Agreements an accepted practice throughout the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Tadas Kicielinski has been the recipient of dozens of achievement awards, including the Southern Illinois University Distinguished Service Award for his efforts in establishing apprenticeship programs in East St. Louis and his

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1 service award for serving on the Ironworkers Labor-Management
2 group IMPACT; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2001, Tadas Kicielinski was called to
4 Washington, D.C. by General President Joseph Hunt to serve as
5 the Executive Assistant to the General President and editor of
6 "The Ironworker" magazine; in 2007, General President Hunt
7 appointed him to serve as a General Vice President of the
8 International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental,
9 and Reinforcing Iron Workers and assigned him to the St. Louis
10 area, where he was elected to serve as President of the Iron
11 Workers District Council of St. Louis and Vicinity, whose
12 jurisdiction covers 11 locals in 7 states in the Midwest; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the years, Tadas Kicielinski has served on
14 numerous boards and commissions in Washington D.C., Missouri,
15 and Illinois, including the Metropolitan St. Louis Regional
16 Commerce and Growth Association, the Leadership Council of
17 Southwestern Illinois, the Illinois River Bend Growth
18 Association, the St. Clair County Workforce Development Board,
19 and many others; he currently serves as a Commissioner for
20 METRO and is a member of the Transportation for Illinois
21 Coalition and the Illinois AFL-CIO Executive Board; and

22 WHEREAS, Tadas Kicielinski and his wife of 47 years, Cindy,
23 live in Collinsville; the couple plans on spending many

1 enjoyable winter months at their residence in Naples, Florida;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we honor Tadas Kicielinski for his many achievements and wish
6 him continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Tadas Kicielinski as a symbol of our esteem and
10 respect.