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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Gabriel Barber, Jr. and Lee Qulia Barber, The Barbers, on the occasion of their 64th wedding anniversary in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Gabriel "June" Barber, Jr. was born in 1927 in Clarksville, Missouri and Lee Quila Barber was born in 1929 in Halls, Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, Gabriel Barber, Jr. joined the United States Army after lying about his age; after his service, he joined the International Harvester Farmall Plant and retired from there after over 40 years of service; he was an avid bowler and participated in the first men's league, the "Men's Progressive" league; he enjoyed cooking BBQ ribs and joined the "Eagle" motorcycle club with his Harley Davidson; he is a 33rd degree mason, and a choir member, deacon, and ordained minister at Olivet Baptist Church; he held numerous Rock Island county public offices, including Precinct Committeeman, Alderman, Rock Island County Board member, Oak Glen Home Chair, and Rock Island County Board Chair; a park bears his name in honor of his service to the community; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Quila Barber attended the Mississippi County

1 Training School, where she was Sargent-At-Arms and played on
2 its softball championship team; she also was a star on the
3 girls' basketball team and was voted "best girl athlete"; she
4 worked as a seamstress at "The Fashion" store in downtown Rock
5 Island before becoming an OBGYN nurse at Lutheran Hospital in
6 Moline; after nursing, she worked at the Rock Island County
7 Court House as a probate clerk and a court bailiff; she
8 participated in the first women's bowling league called the
9 "Quadettes", and her very first championship was broadcast on
10 tv; she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the
11 Golden Circle; and

12 WHEREAS, The Barbers love to socialize, attend parties,
13 laugh, and dance; they enjoy traveling, especially to
14 Washington, D.C. and Disney Land in California; therefore, be
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16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Gabriel Barber, Jr. and Lee Qulia Barber on
19 their 64th wedding anniversary, and wish them many more years
20 of wedded bliss; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to The Barbers as an expression of our esteem and
23 respect.