

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are honored to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that DeKalb County
6 Circuit Judge, John W. Countryman, is retiring this year; and

7 WHEREAS, John W. Countryman, the presiding Circuit Judge
8 in DeKalb County, has served as a Circuit Judge in the 16th
9 Judicial Circuit in DeKalb County for the last ten years;
10 prior to becoming a Circuit Judge he was a member of the
11 Illinois House of Representatives for six years and prior to
12 that he served as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the
13 Illinois State Board of Elections for five years; and

14 WHEREAS, John W. Countryman earned his bachelor's degree
15 from Northern Illinois University in 1967; he received his
16 Juris Doctorate, with distinction, from Chicago-Kent College
17 of Law in 1970; he was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1970;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, John W. Countryman has served in many public
20 positions over the years including Public Defender of DeKalb
21 County, Adjunct Professor at Northern Illinois University
22 College of Law, a member of the Kishwaukee YMCA Board of
23 Directors, President of the Kishwaukee Sunrise Rotary Club,
24 Chairman of the International Council on Governmental Ethics
25 Laws, and as President of the DeKalb County Bar Association;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, John W. Countryman has received many honors and
28 awards over the years which include the Bud Geigle Award for
29 service to Northern Illinois University in 1990, and the
30 Northern Illinois University Foundation Humanitarian Award
31 for service to higher education in 1997; and

1 WHEREAS, John W. Countryman and his wife Cheryl reside in
2 DeKalb, where they successfully raised their three children,
3 Julia, Amy and Jeff; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we honor the service of DeKalb County Circuit Judge and
7 former member of the of the Illinois House of
8 Representatives, John W. Countryman, and wish him well in all
9 of his future endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to John W. Countryman as an expression of our
12 esteem.