

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Illinois Arts
6 Alliance Foundation will honor Bernard Sahlins with the
7 Illinois Arts Legend Award for Artist at the annual Illinois
8 Arts Legend Awards Benefit Dinner on April 2, 2001; and

9 WHEREAS, Bernard Sahlins is legendary for his roles as
10 creator of Second City, co-founder of the International
11 Theater Festival, creative adapter for the Humanities
12 Festival, and as a writer and producer; he has tirelessly
13 promoted and advanced the arts in the State of Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Bernard Sahlins is a co-founder and longtime
15 director and producer of Second City since its doors opened
16 on December 1, 1959; Second City has earned the reputation as
17 a center for comedic performance that also serves as the
18 training ground for hundreds of important writers, actors,
19 and directors; Mr. Sahlins has directed and mentored many
20 actors during his career, including Bill Murray, John
21 Belushi, Harold Ramis, Alan Arkin, Mike Nichols, Elaine May,
22 John Candy, Gilda Radner, Martin Short, George Wendt, and
23 Mike Meyers; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to his work at Second City, Bernard
25 Sahlins founded and produced the International Theatre
26 Festival of Chicago and is a co-editor of the Plays for
27 Performance series published by Ivan R. Dee; he is also the
28 author of "Days and Nights at the Second City: A memoir, with
29 Notes on Staging Review Theatre"; therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
31 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Bernard Sahlins on being the recipient of the
2 Illinois Legend Award for Artist for his efforts to advance
3 and promote the arts in the State of Illinois for the past 25
4 years; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Bernard Sahlins as an expression of our esteem.