

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Richard Carol "R.C." Smith was born on January
6 28, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Earl Edward and
7 Sylvia Dickson Smith; he attended Long Creek and Salem Grade
8 Schools and graduated from Mt. Zion High School in 1952; he
9 also attended Hannibal-LaGrange College and served in the
10 United States Air Force; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith began his career with the Wabash
12 Railroad in 1951 as a laborer; he worked through the ranks
13 and served as laborer, messenger, clerk, machine operator,
14 Engineering Assistant, Labor & Material Analyst and
15 ultimately retired as Assistant to the Division Engineer in
16 1989; in all, he worked for 39 years for the Wabash, Norfolk
17 & Western and Norfolk-Southern Railways; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was elected Assistant Township
19 Supervisor for Long Creek Township in 1961, where he served
20 until 1970; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1971, Mr. Smith was elected Mt. Zion Township
22 Supervisor, the first Democrat to be elected to that post in
23 more than 20 years; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was elected to the Macon County Board
25 and served until 1998; he served as Chairman of the Macon
26 County Board in 1985-1986; in addition, he served six terms
27 as Vice Chairman of the Macon County Board; in total, Mr.
28 Smith served a total of 28 years on the Macon County Board;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, In 1989, Mr. Smith was named Executive Director
31 of the Decatur Area Labor-Management Committee, a position he

1 held until his retirement on September 30, 1997; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has also served for many years as a
3 Democratic Precinct Committeeman in Long Creek Township and
4 as Chairman of the Long Creek Township Democratic Central
5 Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith currently serves as Long Creek
7 Township Clerk, where he was first elected in 1997; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is a member of numerous organizations,
9 including Ionic Lodge 312 AF&AF, Masonic Lodge--Decatur, IOOF
10 Lodge #300--Mt. Zion and the Illinois Old Time Fiddlers
11 Association; in addition, he is the past president of the N&W
12 Fellowship Club, a past 708 Mental Health Board Member, a
13 past Trustee and President of the Long Creek Fire Protection
14 District, an ordained Deacon since 1957, a member of
15 Tabernacle Baptist Church, and an Adult Men's Sunday School
16 Teacher for more than 40 years; he is also a member of the
17 Township Officials of Illinois, and the Township Officials of
18 Macon County, where he currently serves as Treasurer; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has been married to the former Wanda
20 Jones since 1964; they are the proud parents of Bryan, Randy
21 and Patty, and the proud grandparents of Brett, Nicole,
22 Patti, Ashley and Courtney; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we congratulate Richard Carol "R.C." Smith for his
26 outstanding accomplishments and contributions to his
27 community; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to Richard Carol "R.C." Smith as an expression of
30 our esteem.