

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, On January 12, 2002, Alban "Al" LeGrand will
6 receive the Commander's Award presented by the Carlyle Lake
7 Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his more than 35 years
8 of public service; and

9 WHEREAS, Alban L. LeGrand began his career with the
10 United States Army Corps of Engineers in 1957 on the
11 Mississippi River as a channel maintenance member, and
12 transferred to Carlyle Lake in 1965 during its construction;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. LeGrand managed Carlyle Lake in its
15 turbulent early years of operation with public scrutiny and
16 controversy between recreational and flood control interests;
17 he spent countless hours resolving concerns and helped
18 formulate management policies to appease the diverse
19 interests; and

20 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Alban LeGrand, Carlyle
21 Lake became one of the nation's premier providers of
22 recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood control; as
23 manager from 1967 until his retirement in March 1993, almost
24 80 million people visited Carlyle Lake, and the Dam West
25 Recreational Area became one of the most heavily used
26 recreation areas in the country; and

27 WHEREAS, Carlyle Lake was the first of four lakes built
28 in the St. Louis District for flood control and recreational
29 purposes; today, it remains the largest manmade lake in the
30 State of Illinois; under Mr. LeGrand's leadership, Carlyle
31 Lake became the proving ground for many operational

1 procedures and management policies; it also evolved into a
2 training ground for numerous Corps personnel; and

3 WHEREAS, The success enjoyed today at Carlyle Lake and
4 the other lakes is largely due to the leadership of Alban
5 LeGrand; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Alban LeGrand on receiving the Commander's
9 Award presented by the Carlyle Lake Chamber of Commerce in
10 recognition of his more than 35 years of public service; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Alban LeGrand as an expression of our esteem.