

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Multi-generational family-owned businesses will
6 be honored by the Greater Centralia Chamber of Commerce at
7 its 78th annual banquet on March 14, 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Fifty-two Chamber of Commerce member businesses,
9 which have been owned by at least two generations of the same
10 family, will be recognized; the banquet's theme this year is
11 "Keeping the Tradition"; and

12 WHEREAS, Heading the list is the Centralia Morning
13 Sentinel, now in its sixth generation of the Joy/Perrine
14 family ownership, followed by Community Trust Bank, which is
15 in its fifth generation of ownership by the same family; and

16 WHEREAS, The businesses celebrating their third
17 generation of ownership include, Don Geary Realty, Inc.,
18 Erbes Gas Heating Specialist, Industrial Mechanical
19 Contractors Inc., Pries Implement Co., Reading Outdoor
20 Advertising, Seip Oil Properties, Inc., and Yancy Electric &
21 Appliance Co.; and

22 WHEREAS, The businesses celebrating their second
23 generation of ownership include, A.C. Mann Inc., Alcorn
24 Insurance Agency Inc., Charles Brink DDS, Biggies II, Biggies
25 Cafe & General Store, Brothers Carpet Corral, Centralia Dairy
26 Queen, Centralia Laundry & Cleaners, Centralia Stationery,
27 Centralia Transmission Service, Centralia Terminal, Coldwell
28 Banker-Allen Real Estate, Country Bob's, DePew & Owen
29 Builders. Inc, Donnewald Distributing Co., Engineered Fluid
30 Inc., Feig Sign Co., Francois Brothers, Inc., Fredman
31 Brothers Furniture, Gettinger Inc., Heser's Appliance Sales &

1 Service, Hietanen Maytag Home Appliance Center, Hillcrest
2 Memorial Park, Industrial Tavern, Jim Ford Men's Wear,
3 Lindenberg Dental Clinic, Mars Sales & Equipment Inc.,
4 McCoy's Shoes, Monken Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep-Nissan, Ross Flower
5 Shop Inc., Seeburger Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Cadillac, Shores
6 Builders Inc., Smith's Amoco, Smitty's Body Shop, Southern
7 Glass Co., Matthew Stedelin, M.D., Straith's Jewelry,
8 Williams Chiropractic, and radio stations WILY/WRXX and WMIX;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The secret to the longevity and success of these
11 businesses is the valued treatment of their customers and the
12 contributions they provide for the betterment of the
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, With modern technology on the rise, having over
15 50 multi-generational businesses in the Centralia community
16 is impressive and it shows that there are opportunities for
17 these types of businesses to prosper and be passed down from
18 one generation to the next; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate the fifty-two Centralia Chamber of Commerce
22 member family-owned businesses on being honored by the
23 Greater Centralia Chamber of Commerce for their dedication
24 and service to the Centralia community; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
26 presented to each of the fifty-two multi-generational
27 family-owned businesses as an expression of our esteem.