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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was nominated by President Clinton as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court in June 1993 and took the oath of office on August 10, 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg served from 1980 to 1993 on the bench of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and

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WHEREAS, From 1972 to 1980, Justice Ginsburg was a professor at Columbia University School of Law; from 1963 to 1972, she served on the law faculty of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey; in addition, she has taught at University of Amsterdam, Harvard Law School, New York University Law School, University of Strasbourg, the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies, and the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies; in 1978, she was a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Stanford, California; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University, attended Harvard Law School, and received her LL.B. (J.D.) from Columbia Law School; she holds honorary degrees from Lund University (Sweden), American University, Vermont Law School, Georgetown University, DePaul University, Brooklyn Law School, Hebrew Union College, Rutgers University, Amherst College, Lewis and Clark College, Radcliffe College, New York University, Columbia University, Smith College, Long Island University, University of Illinois, Brandeis University, Wheaton College, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, George Washington University Law School, Northwestern University, and the University of Michigan; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1971, then-Professor Ginsburg was
2 instrumental in launching the Women's Rights Project of the
3 American Civil Liberties Union; throughout the 1970s she
4 litigated a series of cases solidifying a constitutional
5 principle against gender-based discrimination; and

6 WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg's bar association activities
7 have included service on the Board of Editors of the American
8 Bar Association Journal, and as Secretary, Board member, and
9 Executive Committee member of the American Bar Foundation; in
10 addition, she served on the Council of the American Law
11 Institute, and she is a member of the Council on Foreign
12 Relations and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences;
13 Justice Ginsberg has written widely in the areas of civil
14 procedure, conflict of laws, constitutional law, and
15 comparative law; and

16 WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg's husband, Martin D. Ginsburg,
17 is a professor of tax law at Georgetown University Law
18 Center; her daughter, Jane C. Ginsburg, is a professor of
19 literary and artistic property law at Columbia Law School;
20 and her son, James S. Ginsburg, is a producer of classical
21 recordings; and

22 WHEREAS, On May 2, 2002, the Decalogue Society of Lawyers
23 will present its 2002 Merit Award to Justice Ruth Bader
24 Ginsburg in recognition of her outstanding and dedicated
25 legal career; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we congratulate United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth
29 Bader Ginsburg on being the recipient of the Decalogue
30 Society of Lawyers' 2002 Merit Award; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
32 presented to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as an expression of

1 our esteem.