

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the Honorable
6 N. Duane Noland of the Illinois State Senate has been
7 recognized by the Easter Seals for his involvement on
8 statewide issues of disability legislation that has allowed
9 people with disabilities to gain greater independence; he
10 will be honored along with his wife, Tina Noland, at a
11 tribute dinner on November 8, 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Noland has represented the citizens of
13 central Illinois since 1990 as a member of the Illinois
14 General Assembly; he is completing his second term in the
15 Senate after serving four terms in the Illinois House of
16 Representatives; along with his legislative duties, Senator
17 Noland is the seventh generation to farm the centennial
18 family farm in Macon and Christian counties, which he farms
19 along with his father and two brothers; and

20 WHEREAS, In the Senate, Senator Noland serves as
21 Vice-Chairman of the Agriculture and Conservation Committee
22 and is a member of the Licensed Activities and State
23 Government Operations Committees; he previously served as
24 chairman of the House Agriculture Committee; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Noland is on the Boards of Directors of
26 the Mid-Illinois Chapter of the American Red Cross and
27 Lincoln Trails Council of Boy Scouts of America, and he is a
28 member of First Christian Church of Decatur; he has been
29 honored by numerous organizations for outstanding public
30 service, including the Chamber of Commerce Civic Leadership
31 Award, and the Council for Food and Agriculture Research
32 Award; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Noland graduated with high honors from
2 the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in
3 Agriculture; he and his wife, Tina Noland, a Millikin
4 University graduate, are the parents of two sons, Grant and
5 Blake; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Noland has received numerous awards and
7 recognitions, including the "Friend of Agriculture" award in
8 1996, the "Friend of the Family" award in 1997, the
9 "Legislator of the Year" award from ABATE in 1998, the
10 Jaycees "Outstanding Young Farmer" award, the DuPont "Young
11 Leader" award, and the American Soybean Association
12 "Outstanding Young Leader for Illinois" award; he is a
13 graduate of the Farm Bureau A LOT program and a fellow in the
14 John J. McCloy European Agriculture fellowship; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Noland is dedicated to his community and
16 provides his services as a youth baseball and basketball
17 coach; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Senator N. Duane Noland for his services and
21 involvement on issues concerning the betterment of the lives
22 of the people of the 51st Senate District and the State of
23 Illinois; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to Senator Noland as an expression of our esteem.