

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois would like to congratulate Representative  
4 Tom Berns on a job well done for the citizens of the 104th  
5 District; and

6 WHEREAS, In two years, Representative Berns has made a  
7 positive difference for families in his district, throughout  
8 central Illinois, and for the University of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Berns authored a new law to boost  
10 minority-owned businesses, helping them foster partnerships  
11 with the University of Illinois and state agencies looking to  
12 purchase goods and services; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Berns fought to make drugs less  
14 accessible to young people; he championed a new law cracking  
15 down on dealers of ecstasy and other club drugs targeted at  
16 our children; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Berns helped open up the Circuit  
18 Breaker program, providing prescription assistance and  
19 property tax relief to more seniors in need, and fought to  
20 reform our state's antiquated and inadequate system for  
21 funding long term care facilities; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Berns sponsored legislation  
23 strengthening ethics guidelines for legislators and other  
24 elected officials; he worked with Representative Rick Winkel  
25 and Senator Stan Weaver to assure the needs of the University  
26 of Illinois are met; he also worked with Representative Dan  
27 Rutherford to protect property owners' trees and shrubs from  
28 excessive cutting by utility companies; and

29 WHEREAS, Representative Berns is President of both Berns,  
30 Clancy and Associates, P.C. and Aerial Mapping Services, Inc.  
31 in Urbana; he received a bachelor's degree in civil

1 engineering from the University of Illinois in 1968 and is an  
2 active member of many civil engineering professional  
3 organizations; he is co-author of the 4th edition of  
4 Fundamentals of Surveying and has been an instructor in civil  
5 engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
6 and other places; he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award  
7 from the Civil Engineering Department of the University of  
8 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Alumni Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Berns has received several awards  
10 during his service in the General Assembly; the Champaign  
11 Park District recognized him as Honorary Commissioner for  
12 outstanding services to the citizens of the Park District; in  
13 appreciation of his concern and support of our natural  
14 resources, he was honored by the Champaign County Soil and  
15 Water Conservation District; AIA Illinois presented the  
16 Outstanding Freshman Legislator Award to him for his support  
17 and counsel to the profession of architecture in the State of  
18 Illinois; he was voted Outstanding Legislator for the  
19 Ninety-second General Assembly by the Illinois Professional  
20 Land Surveyors Association; the Illinois Chamber named him  
21 Champion of Free Enterprise in 2002; he received the  
22 Outstanding Freshman Legislator Award from the Illinois  
23 Professional Land Surveyors; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Berns has been active in many  
25 civic and service organizations, and has received numerous  
26 honors from and held numerous leadership positions in those  
27 organizations; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
29 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
30 we congratulate Representative Berns for his exemplary  
31 service; we wish him well in his future endeavors and we know  
32 he will enjoy spending more time with his family; and be it  
33 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2   presented to Representative Tom Berns with our best regards.