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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate William "Bill" Yoshino on 38 years of service as the Midwest Regional Director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), a position he accepted in 1978; and

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WHEREAS, In his work with the JACL, Bill assisted in organizing outreach to the members of Congress in the Midwest for legislation to establish the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, as well as for the Civil Liberties Act of 1988; and

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WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Bill worked with the Office of Redress Administration to assist in contacting individuals who were eligible to receive redress payments; and

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WHEREAS, Bill is a respected leader in JACL's effort to combat anti-Asian sentiment through stronger hate crime legislation and anti-defamation initiatives; and

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WHEREAS, Bill testified before the United States Senate on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1988, has produced a semi-annual newsletter on hate crimes and hate incidents, and has conducted hate crime workshops at college conferences; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bill has represented the Asian American community
2 on the Illinois Asian American Advisory Council to the
3 Governor, the Chicago Asian American Advisory Committee, the
4 Chicago Commission on Human Relations, and the Illinois
5 Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill supported the growth of young leaders by
7 organizing teacher training workshops through grants from the
8 National Park Service and the National Endowment for the
9 Humanities, revising and updating the JACL curriculum guide,
10 and producing educational materials on Japanese American
11 internment and Asian Pacific Islander history; he also
12 established the JACL Collegiate Washington, D.C. Leadership
13 Program and has provided fellowship opportunities to college
14 graduates; and

15 WHEREAS, Bill has ensured the continued success of the
16 Japanese American Citizens League through his dedicated work to
17 develop young leaders; and

18 WHEREAS, Bill's commitment to honor and address history and
19 his work to educate the public on hate crimes to prevent future
20 injustices has made a major impact on generations of citizens;
21 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate William "Bill" Yoshino on 38 years of service as
4 the Midwest Regional Director of the Japanese American Citizens
5 League, and we wish him the best in all of his future
6 endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to William Yoshino as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.