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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Tim Smith on the occasion of receiving the 2025 Annual Historical Preservation Award from the Illiana Genealogical & Historical Society Foundation; and

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WHEREAS, The Illiana Genealogical & Historical Society Foundation, located at 215 West North Street in Danville, aims to promote and preserve local and family history of the Illiana area as well as to make it more accessible to the public; to achieve this, the foundation annually recognizes a deserving individual who has made significant contributions to preserve local history; and

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WHEREAS, Tim Smith, the sixth honoree to receive the Annual Historical Preservation Award, graduated from Urbana High School, received an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Illinois, and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law; he was married to the late Jane Dighton Smith, a longtime elementary school teacher in the Danville schools, and they have one daughter, Jessica Smith Diel; and

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WHEREAS, Tim Smith served as a judge advocate in the U.S.

1 Navy; he then worked as an attorney in private practice in
2 Danville starting in 1977, first in general practice before
3 later specializing in business and real estate transactions,
4 banking, wills, and trusts; he retired in 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Tim Smith has been named to receive the Annual
6 Historical Preservation Award for his active participation
7 over the years in preserving Vermilion County and Central
8 Illinois histories, primarily in researching the life and
9 career of Danville's Joseph G. "Uncle Joe" Cannon, the
10 legendary Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from
11 1903 until 1911 who ultimately held a 46-year tenure in the
12 House; and

13 WHEREAS, Tim Smith has devoted many hours of research and
14 written multiple articles and essays on Uncle Joe Cannon and
15 has given numerous presentations to varied groups in the
16 community about Cannon and local history, and he was involved
17 in the effort to name the Vermilion County Courthouse Annex in
18 honor of Cannon; he has also written on other topics of local
19 historical interest, and he has been a featured writer in
20 several issues of the Vermilion County Museum Society's
21 quarterly magazine, The Heritage; and

22 WHEREAS, Tim Smith will be honored at the Illiana
23 Genealogical & Historical Society Foundation's 2025 Annual

1 Historical Preservation Award Banquet on April 29, 2025;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Tim Smith on receiving the 2025 Annual
6 Historical Preservation Award from the Illiana Genealogical &
7 Historical Society Foundation; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Tim Smith as an expression of our esteem and
10 respect.