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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend David J. Silverman for his  
4 continued dedication to his community, his neighbors, and the  
5 goal of good governance; and

6           WHEREAS, Born on October 6, 1952, David Silverman is a  
7 lifelong member of the Joliet and Will County communities,  
8 which includes graduation from Lewis University, a local  
9 institution; and

10           WHEREAS, David Silverman, upon finishing his undergraduate  
11 work, attended The John Marshall Law School, where he  
12 graduated with high distinction; and

13           WHEREAS, David Silverman's specialization in governmental  
14 affairs was further honed as a founding member of Mahoney,  
15 Silverman & Cross, LLC in Joliet; and

16           WHEREAS, David Silverman was instrumental in the  
17 enhancement of the Joliet Regional Port District, including  
18 the airfield at Lewis University, used for over 100,000  
19 aircraft operations a year with more than 100 aircraft based  
20 at the facility; and

1           WHEREAS, David Silverman realized this vital piece of  
2 infrastructure was directing air traffic from an RV instead of  
3 having a permanent control tower; and

4           WHEREAS, David Silverman, through diplomacy, advocacy, and  
5 lobbying, helped guide \$10 million to the Joliet Regional Port  
6 District for the construction of a full control tower; and

7           WHEREAS, David Silverman then worked with the Federal  
8 Aviation Administration (FAA) to gather buy-in from every  
9 municipality in the area and to make sure the requirements of  
10 the FAA were met; and

11           WHEREAS, David Silverman procured an additional \$3 million  
12 in funding to renovate the north side of Lewis University  
13 Airport to raise it to modern standards, and he helped yearly  
14 revenue increase 62% to over \$3.3 million; and

15           WHEREAS, David Silverman has been a staple of public  
16 hearings, board meetings, and administrative functions as the  
17 attorney of record for municipalities and governmental bodies  
18 across Will County; and

19           WHEREAS, David Silverman has shown dedication to his  
20 community as volunteer chair of the Joliet Regional Port  
21 District Board of Directors, as chair of the Crime Stoppers of

1 Will County Board, and as a past chair of Easterseals Joliet  
2 Region, the Grundy County Economic Development Corporation,  
3 and the Canal Corridor Association; and

4 WHEREAS, David Silverman continues to advocate for  
5 continued improvements to the infrastructure used by all  
6 citizens of his community; and

7 WHEREAS, David Silverman, at the age of 73, continues to  
8 seek out new opportunities to be a remarkable and effective  
9 public servant even though his yeoman's work has more than  
10 earned him respite; and

11 WHEREAS, David Silverman exemplifies the principles of  
12 open discourse, citizen action, and dedication to his  
13 neighbors, making him a model of public service whose work  
14 will echo across generations; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we commend David J. Silverman for his decades of dedication to  
18 his community, his determination to see those around him  
19 succeed, and his consistent, effective advocacy for those who  
20 need a voice; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to David Silverman as an expression of our esteem  
2 and respect.