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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Hellenic Bar  
4 Association's newly elected officers and board of directors;  
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6           WHEREAS, The Hellenic Bar Association's Judges Night will  
7 take place on June 8, 2017; this event is not only an  
8 opportunity for judiciary from Cook, Lake, DuPage, and Will  
9 Counties to mingle with attorneys from the Greek community but  
10 also to formally introduce the newly elected president,  
11 officers, and board of directors; and

12           WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles P. Kocoras, U.S. District  
13 Court Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, will  
14 administer the oath of office to the incoming President,  
15 Constantine (Dean) Kanellos and install the new officers and  
16 directors for the coming bar year; and

17           WHEREAS, The Honorable Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the  
18 Circuit Court of Cook County will be honored with the Hellenic  
19 Bar Association's Socrates Dikastes Award for his years of  
20 exemplary service on the bench; and

21           WHEREAS, In February of 1951, a group of Greek attorneys

1 founded the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois, the largest  
2 and oldest Greek-American bar association in Illinois; most of  
3 the early members were born in Greece, came to this country as  
4 young immigrants, and were educated in colleges and law schools  
5 in Chicago; as time went on, first generation Greek American  
6 lawyers became more prevalent; nowadays, the Hellenic Bar  
7 Association consists of multi-generational Greek Americans and  
8 Philhellenes; and

9 WHEREAS, The Hellenic Bar Association promotes and  
10 co-sponsors many events throughout the year such as legal  
11 education seminars and an annual Law Day Essay Program for  
12 elementary school children; the Hellenic Bar Association  
13 continues to give back to its community through its charitable  
14 arm, the Hellenic Bar Foundation; every year, the proceeds from  
15 the gala dinner are directed towards scholarships given to  
16 deserving law students; and

17 WHEREAS, The Hellenic Bar Association has grown into a  
18 thriving, benevolent and dynamic organization proud of its  
19 heritage and looking onward to future successes in the 21st  
20 century; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
22 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
23 congratulate the Hellenic Bar Association's newly elected

1 officers and board of directors; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to President Constantine (Dean) Kanellos and the new  
4 officers and directors of the Hellenic Bar Association.