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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend The Authors Guild for its
4 longstanding service to and advocacy on behalf of authors in
5 the State of Illinois and in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The Authors Guild is the nation's oldest and
7 largest professional organization for writers, with over 9,000
8 current members that include novelists, historians,
9 journalists, poets, academics, and independently published
10 authors; and

11 WHEREAS, Since 1912, The Authors Guild has been supporting
12 and protecting American authors' constitutional and moral
13 rights to write and speak freely and to benefit from their
14 work, as well as providing working writers with the knowledge,
15 support, and resources they need to succeed; and

16 WHEREAS, The Authors Guild advocates on issues of
17 copyright, fair contracts, free speech, and fair tax treatment,
18 provides legal advice to its members on all issues pertinent to
19 the writing profession, lobbies for authors on Capitol Hill,
20 negotiates with publishers and other industry players for fair
21 contract terms and treatment, and litigates when authors'
22 rights come under threat; and

1 WHEREAS, Authors are facing unprecedented challenges in
2 the form of declining incomes from writing as a consequence of
3 changes wrought on the publishing industry by the technologies
4 and pressures exerted by corporate interests; and

5 WHEREAS, The Authors Guild provides important educational
6 and informal resources and tools to assist authors in
7 understanding and surviving the changing publishing landscape
8 and provides community to assist in the exchange of knowledge
9 for those who often are isolated in their working life; and

10 WHEREAS, The Authors Guild is motivated by the belief that
11 a diverse literary landscape that encompasses the entire range
12 of expression of ideas, stories, and experiences of all
13 American people is essential to our democracy; and

14 WHEREAS, The work of authors is vital to a democratic
15 society; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 commend The Authors Guild for its service to the community of
19 authors in the State of Illinois and in the United States; and
20 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to The Authors Guild as a symbol of our respect and
3 esteem.