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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Mark A. Biel, one of its former staffers, on the occasion of his 30th work anniversary at the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Biel is a graduate of Antioch High School in Antioch, and he holds a bachelor's degree in mass communications and political science from Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Biel began his career in state government as a legislative intern to both former State Senator William Peterson of Long Grove and former House Majority Leader Robert Churchill; he then joined House Minority Leader Lee A. Daniel's communications staff in 1986; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Biel met his future wife, Debbie, while working on the House Republican staff; they were married on August 4, 1990, and they are now parents of two adult children, Samantha and Daniel; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Biel first joined the lobbying ranks while representing the Associated Employers of Illinois; he then served as director of Government Affairs for the Illinois

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1 Manufacturers' Association for four years; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1993, Mark Biel became the director of
3 Government Affairs for the Chemical Industry Council of
4 Illinois, a statewide trade association that monitors
5 legislative and regulatory activity, with particular emphasis
6 on environmental, energy, tax, and tort reform issues, and
7 also provides science-related educational opportunities and
8 scholarships to Illinois students; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1999, Mark Biel was named the chief executive
10 officer for the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois, and he
11 continues to serve in that position today; during his tenure,
12 the association has grown to over 200 members, representing
13 nearly 700 Illinois facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2005, Mark Biel served as president of the
15 Illinois Society of Association Executives (ISAE), and he
16 received ISAE's Distinguished Member Award in 2008 for his
17 service to the association field; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2009, Mark Biel was named chairman of the
19 Midwest Region of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for
20 Organizational Management, and he also served on the U.S.
21 Chamber's Board of Trustees for the Institute of
22 Organizational Management; and

1 WHEREAS, Mark Biel has been a huge fan of his children's
2 interest in vocal music and dance, serving as chairman of
3 Glenwood Middle School's Dinner Theatre and Glenwood High
4 School's Show Choir Competition for several years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mark Biel is a chef at heart and is well known for
6 his beer can chicken, seafood chowder, and bananas foster; he
7 also loves spending his free time traveling, golfing, and
8 cheering for the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Bulls; and

9 WHEREAS, Mark Biel most cherishes his wife, children,
10 family, friends, and faith; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Mark A. Biel on his 30 years at the Chemical
14 Industry Council of Illinois and wish him many more wonderful
15 years; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Mark Biel as an expression of our esteem and
18 respect.