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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Francis J. "Smitty" Smith on the occasion of receiving the IMPACT Award from the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County for his decades of innovation, investment, and service to the economic growth of the region; and

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WHEREAS, The Economic Alliance of Kankakee County is a public-private partnership that works to expand the economic base in Kankakee County by improving the local business climate, and its IMPACT Award honors the accomplishments of an individual, business, or organization that has propelled sustainable growth and progress within the community; and

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WHEREAS, Francis Smith is a lifelong resident of the Village of Manteno; after graduating from St. Patrick's High School of Kankakee, known today as Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and from the University of Notre Dame, he returned to the region to start a business career in insurance, banking, and development; and

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WHEREAS, Francis Smith, the founder and director of Illinois Diversatech, has served the region and community in various capacities over the course of many years, including as

1 board chairman of holding company Manteno Bancshares, as  
2 chairman of the Manteno Planning Commission since 2005, and as  
3 a member of the Riverside Healthcare Board of Directors since  
4 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Francis Smith and his wife of 57 years, Jean, are  
6 the parents of four children, William, Mike, Pam, and Kelly;  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate Francis. J. "Smitty" Smith on receiving the  
11 IMPACT Award from the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County,  
12 and we recognize him for his accomplishments throughout his  
13 career; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Francis Smith as an expression of our esteem and  
16 respect.