

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of  
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Ronald E. James of  
4 Decatur on the occasion of his retirement on May 31, 2003  
5 after 37 years of service to National City Bank and its  
6 predecessors; and

7 WHEREAS, For the last three years, Mr. James has served  
8 as community bank president for Decatur and Macon County;  
9 previously, he was vice president, commercial lending for  
10 National City; he is known for developing customer  
11 relationships and bringing the value of hometown service to  
12 the forefront of daily banking; and

13 WHEREAS, A number of accomplishments mark Mr. James's  
14 career, including the coordination of financing to move the  
15 Heritage Behavioral Health Center into downtown Decatur and  
16 the assistance with the Decatur Sports Foundation in the  
17 building of the Borg-Warner Sports Complex; on May 2, 2001,  
18 Governor George Ryan proclaimed that date "Ronald E. James  
19 Day" in Illinois, and Decatur Mayor Terry Howley followed  
20 suit with "Ron James Day" in Decatur; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. James is a native and lifetime resident of  
22 Decatur; he received his bachelor's degree from Millikin  
23 University; he completed the certification program of the  
24 Graduate School of Banking, University of Virginia, in  
25 Charlottesville, Virginia; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. James is extensively involved in community  
27 activities including serving as board president of the  
28 Heritage Behavioral Health Center, Junior Achievement, and  
29 the Decatur AMBUCS; he has served as a board member of the  
30 Decatur Sports Foundation, treasurer of the  
31 Warrensburg-Latham Educational Foundation, a director of the  
32 Prairieland Service Coordination, and is currently a member

1 of the Decatur Metro Chamber of Commerce; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. James and his wife of 39 years, Eileen, have  
3 two daughters, Melinda Reuter and Cynthia James; therefore,  
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we offer our heartiest congratulations to Ronald E. James on  
8 the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of service at  
9 National City Bank and its predecessors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Ronald E. James as an expression of our respect  
12 and esteem and with warmest wishes for a relaxing retirement.