

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ed and Kitty Shumaker have truly lived by the
3 Golden Rule since they moved to Waukegan 34 years ago; they
4 have been named recipients of the 2003 Book of Golden Deeds
5 Award given by the Waukegan Exchange Club; and

6 WHEREAS, While Mr. Shumaker was employed as director of
7 purchasing for Ammco Tools in North Chicago, he became
8 interested in the real estate business; being a charter
9 member of the Lake County Apartment Owner's Association, he
10 taught creative real estate at the College of Lake County and
11 at Waukegan High School Adult Education program; wanting to
12 share his knowledge of real estate with others and encouraged
13 by his students, he, with Kitty's help, wrote a book entitled
14 "Creative Real Estate Investing-One Family's Success Story";
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Retiring from real estate investing in 1993, Mr.
17 Shumaker soon became restless and sought other avenues for
18 fulfillment; aware that there were individuals who, because
19 of mental handicap, addiction, or other conditions, needed
20 help in managing their income from government sources, he
21 joined with others in founding I-PLUS (Independent Positive
22 Living Under Supervision); this not for-profit agency is
23 designated as the payee for persons incapable of managing
24 their income from Social Security disability programs,
25 veteran's benefit programs, and other sources; the agency
26 pays the client's bills such as rent and utilities and
27 deposits any remaining funds in the client's account after
28 advancing enough cash to the client for food and clothing and
29 other living expenses; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Shumaker then turned his attention toward
31 children at risk of getting into trouble during after-school
32 hours; he and Kitty founded the Lake Shore Youth Center on

1 Belvidere Road in Waukegan, a place where youths could "drop
2 in" after school; here they could participate in recreational
3 activities, obtain help with homework, receive guidance from
4 volunteer mentors, and generally be safe from the dangers of
5 the street or a home with no parental supervision; besides
6 founding and guiding Lake Shore Youth Center, for several
7 years he donated his salary as Waukegan Township Clerk to the
8 Center; the program is now affiliated with a national
9 organization and called Boys and Girls Club of Lake County;
10 thus he and Kitty's dream of helping kids in need is bearing
11 abundant fruit; and

12 WHEREAS, Among many awards Mr. Shumaker has received are
13 the following: Boys and Girls Club of America Outstanding
14 Board Volunteer (in 2002) and Lifetime Achievement Award from
15 United Way of Lake County (in 2002); and

16 WHEREAS, Kitty Shumaker is very active in helping the
17 hungry and the homeless; in 1984 she was one of the
18 organizers of the Bread Basket Soup Kitchen connected with
19 Holy Family Parish and she has coordinated the project ever
20 since; last year over 14,000 meals were served at the soup
21 kitchen, and one evening meal per week was provided for the
22 15 residents of Staben Center; and

23 WHEREAS, A charter member of the Food Resource Council,
24 she is past president and presently serves as a board member;
25 this organization collected and distributed 60 tons of food
26 to 18 food pantries and soup kitchens in March of 2003 during
27 its annual food drive, which it sponsors together with the
28 Boy Scouts; and

29 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shumaker is in charge of registration for
30 the annual CROP Walk of Northern Lake County held in October;
31 in 2002 CROP Walk collected over \$105,000 to feed hungry
32 people and help them feed themselves; and

1 WHEREAS, Since its beginning in 1986, she has been the
2 leader of the SPRED (Special Religious Education for the
3 Developmentally Disabled) program held in Holy Family Parish;
4 members of the team interact with a group of residents from
5 the Kiley Developmental Center on a bi-weekly basis; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shumaker is an active member of the Parish
7 Council at Holy Family Catholic Church and is involved in
8 other parish ministries; and

9 WHEREAS, As Public Relations Coordinator for the Follow
10 Through Program, she edited the Follow Through Newsletter
11 which was circulated to school districts across the country;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shumaker is a past secretary and currently
14 is a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County
15 and was newsletter editor for the Lake County Apartment
16 Owners Association; and

17 WHEREAS, Kitty supports Ed in his endeavors and Ed, in
18 turn, helps Kitty in the soup kitchen almost daily with the
19 many tasks involved, including pick-up of donations and
20 maintenance work at the food pantry; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker's seven children are all
22 grown and married and they have 23 grandchildren and 3
23 great-grandchildren; on June 25, 2003 they will celebrate
24 their 50th wedding anniversary; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we salute Ed and Kitty Shumaker for being chosen the Book of
28 Golden Deeds Award recipients for 2003 and wish them well in
29 all their future endeavors; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
31 presented to Ed and Kitty Shumaker as an expression of our

1 respect and esteem.