

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Gerald Charles Dickens, noted British actor and
3 great-great-grandson of Victorian author Charles Dickens, is
4 coming to Springfield to perform selections from Dickens'
5 classic works in support of area libraries; and

6 WHEREAS, The year of 2003 marks the 160th anniversary of
7 A Christmas Carol, written by Charles Dickens, the classic
8 tale of Christmas spirit; and

9 WHEREAS, Gerald Charles Dickens is following in the
10 footsteps of his great-great-grandfather who traveled from
11 England to America in the 1800s to perform A Christmas Carol;
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13 WHEREAS, Gerald Charles Dickens captures the spirit of
14 Christmas when retelling the famous story and performing all
15 26 characters of A Christmas Carol using only the simple
16 props of a chair and hat rack; and

17 WHEREAS, Gerald Charles Dickens, through his performances
18 and visits to local schools, fosters reading and literacy as
19 a part of Dickens' tradition of illuminating the human
20 condition; and

21 WHEREAS, The performances of Gerald Charles Dickens have
22 been celebrated on The History Channel, CBS This Morning,
23 Good Morning America, and PBS stations throughout the United
24 States as well as in the New York Times; 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 designate Saturday, November 22, 2003 as Gerald Charles
28 Dickens Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Gerald Charles Dickens as an expression of our

1 respect and esteem.