



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Tony Perry of
4 Kankakee County on winning the Leonardo da Vinci Award of
5 Excellence for Entrepreneur given by the Order Sons of Italy in
6 America - State of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was recognized as an Italian American
8 who has become a pride and inspiration to the Italian
9 community; his impeccable credentials and accomplishments met
10 the criteria for the award; he attributes his success to
11 working hard and long, being honest and unselfish, and the
12 unwavering support of his family; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry built what is now known as the Perry
14 Group, a successful and highly respected professional
15 commercial-industrial real estate sales and development firm
16 located in Bradley, with additional offices located in Will
17 County and the City of Chicago; Mr. Perry also works on behalf
18 of Kankakee County as executive director of the Area Jobs
19 Economic Development Association; his efforts have been
20 instrumental in bringing more than 70 industries into Kankakee
21 County; he will celebrate his 40th year working on behalf of
22 Kankakee County in 2005; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry is responsible for the annual Christmas
24 in April project in Kankakee County; through the use of
25 volunteers, Christmas in April has been able to rehabilitate
26 490 Kankakee County homes during the past 12 years; since its
27 inception, Christmas in April has spread to 9 other communities
28 within the State; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry has also been involved in and worked on
30 behalf of Make A Difference Day, his church, and many other
31 charities and social and professional services on a local,

1 State, and national level; he is known for sharing his time,
2 talents, and treasures on a very regular basis; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry and his wife, Ellie, have lived in
4 Kankakee County since 1962, raising 5 children, Elizabeth,
5 Lauren, Thomas, Joseph, and Anne; over the years, their family
6 has been blessed by the addition of sons-in-law, Dan LaMore and
7 Dennis Wiley; daughter-in-law, Mechelle Perry; and 4
8 grandchildren, Luke Perry Wiley, Hannah Wiley, and Nicholas and
9 Brandon LaMore; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate Tony Perry on winning the Leonardo da Vinci Award
13 of Excellence for Entrepreneur; and be it further

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