



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are  
3 pleased to congratulate racehorse Mini Me and owners Robert and  
4 Linda Grider and Roger and Dawn Samson on Mini Me being named  
5 Illinois Horse of the Year by the U.S. Trotting Association for  
6 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, Mini Me is the gelded son of 1986 Illinois Horse  
8 of the Year Incredible Finale and is the first two-time winner  
9 in 35 years, having had the same honor in 2001; Mini Me is four  
10 years old and his victories last year came in either open or  
11 invitational company at the Meadowlands, racing against the  
12 best older horses in the business; and

13 WHEREAS, Mini Me is trained by William Popfinger, and was a  
14 very fast and consistent horse in 2003; he finished first,  
15 second, or third in 16 of his 25 races; his fastest race was  
16 timed at 1 minute and 49 seconds, when he won a \$75,000  
17 invitational pace on one of the biggest days in the sport,  
18 Hambletonian Day at the Meadowlands; he was driven by USHWA  
19 Driver of the Year, David Miller; and

20 WHEREAS, Mini Me was a world champion at age two; his 2003  
21 campaign saw him earn \$464,661 and push his career earnings to  
22 \$1,078,922, becoming the ninth Illinois-bred horse to win more  
23 than \$1,000,000; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
26 congratulate racehorse Mini Me and owners Robert and Linda  
27 Grider and Roger and Dawn Samson on Mini Me being named  
28 Illinois Horse of the Year by the U.S. Trotting Association for  
29 2003; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Robert and Linda Grider and Roger and Dawn Samson  
2 as an expression of our respect and esteem and with best wishes  
3 for Mini Me's future success.