



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois would like to thank the organizers,
4 volunteers, and participants of the 2004 Mt. Vernon Relay for
5 Life for their hard work and contributions to the event; and

6 WHEREAS, Relay for Life is an annual fundraiser for the
7 American Cancer Society; between 2,800 and 3,000 new cancer
8 cases are diagnosed in Southern Illinois every year and about
9 1,200 people die from cancer each year; and

10 WHEREAS, Last year the Mt. Vernon Relay for Life raised
11 \$88,900; this year the goal was set for \$100,000, which has
12 already been surpassed by \$25,000; this year's Relay for Life
13 consisted of 11 more teams that committed to having one member
14 walk the track during the event; the opening lap at each relay
15 is known as the Survivor's Lap, which is walked by cancer
16 survivors; this year 210 individuals participated in the
17 Survivor's Lap and about 2,600 luminaries were sold for the
18 event; and

19 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's event was "Our Reason To
20 Relay"; it took place on June 4th and 5th; at the close of the
21 event, the top fund-raisers were recognized; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
24 recognize and thank the efforts of the Mt. Vernon community who
25 helped make the 2004 Mt. Vernon Relay for Life such a success;
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the
28 organizers, volunteers, and participants for their work on
29 behalf of cancer research and awareness; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Mt. Vernon Relay for Life committee members as an
3 expression of our sincere gratitude and respect.