



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Deanna Witzel of Danville, owner/operator of  
3 Vermilion County's five McDonald's, was honored as one of  
4 Illinois Jaycees' International Senate's 10 Outstanding Young  
5 People of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Witzel started working at a McDonald's in  
7 1982 in Peoria as a crew person, making \$3.35 an hour; she  
8 could not afford to go to college, so she worked her way up in  
9 the McDonald's Corp.; in 1987, she transferred to Las Vegas as  
10 an assistant manager where she met her husband Don; she was  
11 involved with opening 18 new restaurants in Las Vegas and  
12 supervised all nine McDonald's on the Las Vegas Strip; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1999, the Witzels moved to Danville and  
14 purchased the Vermilion County McDonald's and became a driving  
15 force in support of their new community; and

16 WHEREAS, When she has seen need in town, Mrs. Witzel has  
17 secured funds from Ronald McDonald's Children's Charities; the  
18 projects have included funding for two playgrounds in Danville  
19 and Hoopeston designed to be fully accessible; as a Partner in  
20 Education, Mr. and Mrs. Witzels' McDonald's stores have  
21 provided tens of thousands of dollars in the last five years to  
22 support academic programs, parent incentives, school  
23 fundraising events, and special needs fulfillment; the  
24 Witzels' McDonald's also have been major sponsors for many  
25 community organizations and events; and

26 WHEREAS, At a black-tie affair at the Hotel Pere Marquette  
27 in Peoria, Mrs. Witzel received a silver medallion and a plaque  
28 during a program that dramatized her achievements with a video  
29 presentation; and

30 WHEREAS, The award is presented annually based on

1 achievement, leadership, and the last line of the Jaycees  
2 creed, "And that service to humanity is the best work of  
3 life."; along with the names of the other Illinois honorees,  
4 Mrs. Witzel's name will be submitted to the United States  
5 Junior Chamber for consideration in its 10 Outstanding Young  
6 Americans Award; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate Deanna Witzel on being honored as one of  
10 Illinois Jaycees' International Senate's 10 Outstanding Young  
11 People of Illinois; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Mrs. Witzel as an expression of our respect and  
14 esteem.