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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Renato "Ron" Turano of Burr Ridge was recently  
3 elected to serve in the Italian Parliament as the first senator  
4 to represent a new district of expatriate countrymen; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Turano, the president of a Berwyn-based  
6 bakery, holds dual citizenship in the United States and Italy;  
7 he moved to Chicago from southern Italy as a teenager; he  
8 helped his family build its business from a 600-square-foot  
9 bakery in Portage Park into an enterprise with 650 employees  
10 and three factories; and

11 WHEREAS, He will represent about 200,000 Italian citizens  
12 in the U.S. and 150,000 in Canada, Mexico, Central America, and  
13 the Caribbean; and

14 WHEREAS, He is affiliated with the L'Unione party and will  
15 become one of 315 members of the Senato della Repubblica;  
16 giving expatriate Italians the right to vote was first promoted  
17 in 2001; he was the top vote-getter out of more than a dozen  
18 candidates for the North American seat, earning 11,634 votes;  
19 only citizens who have Italian or dual citizenship were able to  
20 vote; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Turano will serve a five-year term beginning  
22 at the end of the month; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
25 we congratulate Mr. Renato "Ron" Turano on his election to the  
26 Italian Parliament; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to Mr. Turano as an expression of our esteem.