



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Mr. Donald K.
4 Gnuse on receiving the Illinois Bankers Association 50 Year
5 Club Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Hailing from Lewistown, Missouri, banking runs in
7 Mr. Gnuse's family; his parents owned a bank in his hometown
8 and were actively involved in the day to day operation of the
9 bank; he often went to work with them and learned about banking
10 at a very early age; and

11 WHEREAS, He graduated from Culver-Stockton College in 1956
12 and began his career with First Bankers Trust Company (formerly
13 known as Broadway National Bank), serving as a Customer Service
14 Representative; he was subsequently named Marketing Director,
15 and in 1970, he was named President of First Bankers Trust
16 Company, a position he retained until 2002; he is currently the
17 Chairman of the Board of First Bankers Trust Company and First
18 Bankers TrustShares Inc. as well as First Bankers Trust
19 Services; and

20 WHEREAS, During his tenure as bank president, three new
21 branches were built; he was the driving force behind the
22 founding of First Bankers TrustShares Inc. in 1988 and the
23 founding of the affiliate Trust Company in 2003; when the bank
24 was organized in 1946, there were 8 staff members; under Mr.
25 Gnuse's leadership, the bank has grown to over 190 staff
26 members in 2006; with his leadership and guidance, the First
27 Bankers Trust Company's current assets have grown to over \$400
28 million, while First Bankers Trust Services has over \$2 billion
29 in assets under management; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Gnuse has been extremely active in his church
31 and the Quincy community as well as the surrounding communities

1 during his 50 year banking career and has served on various
2 boards and in many different capacities; he is a past United
3 Way Chairman as well as a member of many different service
4 clubs and is currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees of
5 Culver-Stockton College; and

6 WHEREAS, In honor of his many years of service, Mr. Gnuse
7 recently became one of the elite few to receive the Illinois
8 Bankers Association's "50 Years in Banking Award"; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Don Gnuse on receiving the Illinois Bankers
13 Association 50 Year Club Award; and be it further

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