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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Rabbi Kenneth  
4 Cohen on the occasion of his 10th year as spiritual leader of  
5 the Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation; and

6           WHEREAS, Rabbi Kenneth Cohen is a native of Brooklyn, New  
7 York and was raised and educated in the Farmingdale/North  
8 Massapequa area of Long Island in New York; he is a Phi Beta  
9 Kappa graduate of Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, where  
10 he received honors in religion; he studied for 2 years at the  
11 Hebrew University in Jerusalem; he received his master's degree  
12 in religion from Temple University in Philadelphia,  
13 Pennsylvania and was ordained as a rabbi at the  
14 Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1975; and he was  
15 awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Jewish  
16 Theological Seminary in 2001; and

17           WHEREAS, Rabbi Kenneth Cohen served as rabbi of  
18 Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, Delaware for 14 years,  
19 where he began his active involvement in interfaith relations,  
20 establishing a dialogue between his congregation and the Roman  
21 Catholic parish St. Joseph's on the Brandywine; he was also a  
22 member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; he  
23 continued his ecumenical endeavors while serving as rabbi of

1 the Ohev Sholom congregation of York, Pennsylvania for 8 years;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Since taking the position of spiritual leader of  
4 the Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation in 1997, Rabbi  
5 Kenneth Cohen has acted as the Rabbinical Assembly's liaison to  
6 the Joint Conversion to Judaism class, and has served as the  
7 Assembly's President of the Chicago region; he has served on  
8 the board of the Midwest Region USCJ; he has served as a member  
9 of the planning committee for the annual interfaith clergy  
10 retreat; he has served on the Executive Committee of the  
11 Chicago Board of Rabbis, and served as its treasurer from 2003  
12 to 2004; he also teaches Judaism to students at St. Gregory the  
13 Great High School in Chicago as a hobby; and

14 WHEREAS, Rabbi Kenneth Cohen is married to Hedvah  
15 Campeas-Cohen, and is the proud father of 3 sons, Jonathan,  
16 Gabriel, and Michael; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 congratulate Rabbi Kenneth Cohen on the occasion of his 10th  
20 year as spiritual leader of the Northwest Suburban Jewish  
21 Congregation and wish him continued success and happiness in  
22 the future; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Rabbi Kenneth Cohen as a symbol of our esteem and  
3 respect.