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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Gordon Goodman
4 on the occasion of being the recipient of the Downers Grove
5 Citizen of the Year Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon Goodman was born on August 19, 1933 in
7 Chicago and grew up in Riverside; he attended Harvard
8 University from 1951 to 1959, where he earned his bachelor's
9 degree with honors and his Ph.D.; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon Goodman worked at Argonne National
11 Laboratory from 1959 to 1971, publishing more than twenty
12 contributions in chemical physics; he worked in the fields of
13 molecular spectroscopy and theoretical chemistry, as well as
14 the supervision of researchers holding Ph.D.'s and the
15 direction of thesis work; he taught at Harvard Summer School in
16 1960 and at Cornell University in the spring of 1964; during
17 the fall of 1970, he developed a course entitled "Environmental
18 Consequences of Changes in Information Technology" at Southern
19 Illinois University at Edwardsville; in 1974, he was employed
20 at Saclay's Center for Nuclear Studies by the French Atomic
21 Energy Commission; and he assisted in the development of Great
22 Lakes Tomorrow, an international organization to improve
23 citizen participation in Great Lakes decisions from 1975 until

1 1976; and

2 WHEREAS, From 1978 to 1984, Dr. Gordon Goodman worked on
3 numerous problems in atomic and molecular physics, assisting in
4 the interpretation of experiments on photoionization and
5 high-resolution rotational spectra of open shell atoms and
6 molecules; this work was characterized by strong emphasis on
7 the use of symmetry properties and local density methods for
8 modeling electronic structures; from 1985 until his retirement
9 from Argonne in 1990, he worked as a part-time staff member in
10 Argonne's Chemistry Division; he has produced over 75
11 publications in referred scientific journals, which have led to
12 several international collaborations, including work with
13 graduate and post-graduate research students in Leuven,
14 Belgium, where he was a visiting professor in 1987; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon Goodman and his wife Nancy moved to
16 Downers Grove in 1962; he became involved in public affairs in
17 Downers Grove and DuPage County in the early 1970's, serving as
18 Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Flood Plain Acquisition
19 from 1972 to 1973; he was a member of the Steering Committee
20 for the Second Total Community Development Study, TCD II from
21 1992 to 1994 and co-chaired the committee's focus group
22 regarding Public/Cultural Facilities and Information
23 Technology; he has appeared and offered testimony on many
24 issues before most of the community's boards and commissions

1 spanning the last 35 years; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1995, Dr. Gordon Goodman joined with other
3 citizens of Downers Grove in establishing the Pierce Downer's
4 Heritage Alliance to provide expert testimony at hearings about
5 the future land use for property at the southeast corner of
6 31st Street and Highland Avenue; he served as Chair of the
7 Heritage Alliance from 1995 to 1998 and from 2000 to 2004 and
8 currently serves as its Treasurer; the group's efforts have
9 contributed to the public acquisition of more than 40 acres of
10 open space woodlands which now enhance and protect the Lyman
11 Woods Forest Preserve; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon Goodman was an active Board Member of
13 the Illinois Environmental Council from 1998 to 2004 and served
14 as Secretary and Chair of the council's Bylaws Committee; he
15 has served on the DuPage County Environmental Commission and
16 the Downers Grove Environmental Concerns Commission; he is a
17 board member and secretary of the Citizen Advocacy Center in
18 Elmhurst, a group dedicated to "building democracy for the 21st
19 century"; he currently serves as a director of the Downers
20 Grove Concert Association, the Downers Grove Coalition for
21 Managed Redevelopment, and the Downers Grove Heritage
22 Preservation Corporation; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon Goodman currently devotes much of his

1 time to projects which increase citizen participation in local
2 decision making, in the effort to achieve stable, liveable
3 communities with enhanced environmental quality; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon Goodman's sizable contributions to
5 modern science and the tireless work he has performed in his
6 community make him a model for the citizens of this State;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate Dr. Gordon Goodman on the occasion of being the
11 recipient of the Downers Grove Citizen of the Year Award and
12 wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Dr. Gordon Goodman as a symbol of our esteem and
16 respect.