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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Marty Conatser on the occasion of his selection as the new National Commander of the American Legion; and

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WHEREAS, Marty Conatser joined the Illinois Army National Guard in December of 1970; he served for 26 years, with 21 of those years on active duty in the Active Guard and Reserve program; he served in recruiting command in all positions, from Field Recruiter to Recruiting Sergeant Major; he retired from active duty with the rank of Sergeant Major in January of 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Marty Conatser is an active member of American Legion Post #102 in DeLand; he has served the American Legion at the Post, county, district, division, and State levels; he served the national American Legion on the Membership and Post Activities Committee until his appointment as State Membership Director for Illinois; he returned to the Membership and Post Activities Committee to serve as Chairman in 2003; he served on the National Legislative Commission as Chairman in 2004 and 2005 and now serves as a consultant; and

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WHEREAS, Marty Conatser was the first State Membership

1 Director for the American Legion Department of Illinois; as  
2 State Membership Director, he developed training programs for  
3 all levels of the organization's leadership; he also  
4 continually developed and refined the awards programs for  
5 individual Posts and members within the State and managed the  
6 organization's membership database, which numbered over  
7 190,000 members; he took a leave of absence from Worden-Martin,  
8 a large auto group in Champaign, to pursue the office of  
9 National Commander of the American Legion; and

10 WHEREAS, Marty Conatser has served as Chairman of the Piatt  
11 County Veterans Day Celebration for the last 12 years; he is a  
12 member of ANAVICUS, the Past State Commanders Club, Masonic  
13 Lodge #812, AMVETS Post #4, Egyptian Past Commanders Club, the  
14 Lincoln Challenge Academy Memorial Committee, and the Dads  
15 Association of the University of Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, Marty Conatser lives in Champaign with his wife,  
17 Sharon; he is the father of 3 sons, Richard, Rick, and Bryan;  
18 he also has 2 daughters-in-law, a grandson, and 2  
19 granddaughters, all of whom are proud American Legion members;  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
23 congratulate Marty Conatser on the occasion of his selection as

1 the new National Commander of the American Legion and wish him  
2 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Marty Conatser as a symbol of our esteem and  
6 respect.