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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate David Hedrick who
4 has announced his retirement as site manager at Lincoln's New
5 Salem State Historic Site, effective January 31, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, David Hedrick has worked 29 years at the New Salem
7 site, which is administered by the Illinois Historic
8 Preservation Agency; and

9 WHEREAS, David Hedrick is credited with managing to join
10 New Salem and the community together to promote tourism; he has
11 seen many changes, particularly in infrastructure, at the
12 reconstructed town where Abraham Lincoln lived and worked in
13 the 1830s; and

14 WHEREAS, A visitors center opened in 1992, and the outdoor
15 theater and log buildings have seen improvements over the
16 years; there was an archaeological dig on the site, and a flat
17 boat replica was reconstructed under his leadership; and

18 WHEREAS, Programs and special events have been expanded,
19 and a cooperative relationship has been fostered with Illinois
20 College in Jacksonville; a volunteer program has been
21 developed, with volunteers serving in a variety of capacities,

1 such as costumed interpreters, clerks in the gift shops,
2 maintenance workers, campground hosts, or at the reception
3 desk; and

4 WHEREAS, Selected as Petersburg's First Citizen in 2004,
5 David Hedrick serves on the board of directors for the Menard
6 County Trails and Greenways, Petersburg Chamber of Commerce,
7 and Menard County Tourism Council, and he is a member of
8 numerous local clubs and organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, David Hedrick and his wife, Mary, have lived
10 onsite at New Salem, raising their two children there; they
11 have played host to hundreds of hummingbirds and have invited
12 the public to witness hummingbird banding demonstrations;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate David Hedrick and wish him continued success in
17 the future; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to David Hedrick as a symbol of our respect and
20 esteem.