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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the owners and  
4 employees of Forest City Gear in Roscoe on the occasion of  
5 being named as one of the Ten Best Machine Shops for 2007 by  
6 Penton Media's American Machinist trade publication in  
7 November of 2007; and

8           WHEREAS, The Ten Best Machine Shops in U.S. ranking is  
9 awarded each year by Penton Media's American Machinist  
10 publication based on a company's operating performance,  
11 measured against American Machinist's proprietary machine shop  
12 benchmarks database, interviews, and site visits, with winners  
13 recognized by the publication in November of 2007; and

14           WHEREAS, Forest City Gear was founded in 1955; the company  
15 specializes in aerospace, medical, military, and racing  
16 vehicles, industrial projects, power tool gearing, and various  
17 instruments; the company had total sales of \$10 million in  
18 2007; and

19           WHEREAS, Forest City Gear's great success is due to its  
20 philosophy of investing 20% to 40% of gross revenues in new  
21 equipment, strengthening their customer preferences and  
22 attachments to the company, selling surplus equipment, which

1 can lead to new gear business from the buyer, seeking  
2 long-term, not short-term, returns on investment, and  
3 cultivating a workforce that is loyal, long-term, and embraces  
4 new technology and lifelong learning; and

5 WHEREAS, Forest City Gear holds the distinction of being  
6 the only machine shop in the State of Illinois to be named to  
7 the Ten Best Machine Shops for 2007 list; and

8 WHEREAS, In response to this prestigious designation,  
9 Forest City Gear has added three jobs, bringing their total  
10 workforce to 48 employees, and has gained a new customer every  
11 week; and

12 WHEREAS, Forest City Gear's designation as one of the Ten  
13 Best Machine Shops for 2007 is a testament to the integrity,  
14 dedication, and hard work of its owners and employees;  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 congratulate the owners and employees of Forest City Gear in  
19 Roscoe on the occasion of being named as one of the Ten Best  
20 Machine Shops for 2007 and wish them continued success in the  
21 future; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Forest City Gear President Fred Young as a symbol  
3 of our esteem and respect.