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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Consul General of Israel in Chicago, Barukh Binah, and his wife, Shulamit Binah, are leaving to return to Israel after serving as Consul General to the Midwest; together, they are returning to Israel for Mr. Binah's new position as Deputy Director General (designate) for North American Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and

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WHEREAS, Barukh Binah has been a member of Israel's Foreign Service since 1979; he has held various positions in diplomacy, research, policy planning, and media relations; and

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WHEREAS, In 1985, he was appointed Israel's Spokesman and Press Officer in New York; in 1992, he was assigned to Washington, D.C., as Counselor for Congressional Affairs at the Embassy of Israel; he later became the Embassy's Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs; and

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WHEREAS, In Jerusalem, Barukh Binah served as the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director of the Press Department (1991-1992); between 1999 and 2001, he served as Director of the Second North American Affairs Department; he also held a variety of research and policy planning positions, including Comptroller of Research Quality; from 2001 - 2005, he served as the Head of the International Affairs Bureau in the

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1 Center for Political Research of the Foreign Ministry; and

2 WHEREAS, Barukh Binah holds degrees, with honors, from the
3 Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Haifa University; In
4 1998 he graduated from Israel's National Defense College, where
5 he wrote his dissertation, *Israel and the American Jewish*
6 *Community: a Brotherhood in Distress*; he has served as the
7 Secretary of the Israel Oriental Society and contributed to
8 literary periodicals; and

9 WHEREAS, His wife, Shulamit Binah, is an expert in Middle
10 Eastern affairs and has filled a variety of evaluation and
11 analysis positions in Israel's Foreign Ministry, IDF, and
12 National Police; she is a graduate of the Haifa University in
13 Israel (Middle Eastern History); she earned her Masters degree
14 from the City University of New York-Graduate Center; she has
15 served in Israel's Mission to the United Nations and at the
16 Embassy in Washington, D.C.; 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 Barukh Binah for his years of service in the State
20 of Illinois and as he and his wife return to Israel and wish
21 them both the best in their future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Mr. Barukh Binah and his wife, Shulamit Binah, as
2 a symbol of our respect and esteem.