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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the owners and employees of Shoreline Sightseeing in Chicago on the occasion of the company's 70th anniversary in 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Shoreline Sightseeing was established in 1939 as a one-vessel operation, offering Lake Michigan Boat Tours that showcase the fabulous skyline of Chicago; now in its third generation of family ownership and operation, Shoreline has a fleet of 9 touring vessels and 10 water taxis, which offer regularly scheduled services and private charters; and

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WHEREAS, Shoreline Sightseeing has long been at the forefront of innovation within its industry; in 1996, Shoreline brought the first Water Taxis to Chicago; in 1999, the company began its very successful Architecture Cruises on the Chicago River; between 1999 and 2003, Shoreline commissioned three brand new vessels for their touring fleet, the Star of Chicago, the Evening Star, and the Bright Star; Shoreline recently added two more custom-outfitted vessels to its fleet, the Celebration in 2005 and the Voyageur in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Shoreline Sightseeing will celebrate its 70th season with an expanded schedule of daily Architecture Cruises

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1 and Skyline Boat Tours, as well as a schedule of Sunset and
2 Fireworks Cruises; and

3 WHEREAS, In its 70 years of operation, Shoreline
4 Sightseeing has carried generations of Chicagoans, as well as
5 passengers from just about every country in the world; the
6 company plans to continue its legacy of top-quality service for
7 many years to come; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate the owners and employees of Shoreline Sightseeing
11 on the occasion of the company's 70th anniversary and wish them
12 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to Chip and Matt Collopy as an expression of our
16 esteem and respect.