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WHEREAS, The 18-hole golf course at the Aurora Country Club was designed by renowned architects William Boice Langford and Thomas Bendelow; the country club features tight tree-lined fairways, strategic bunkering, and small undulating greens; the course provides a challenging experience for even the most skilled players; as the course stands in its 93rd year of existence, it is seen as an icon throughout the Aurora area; and

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WHEREAS, The Aurora Country Club took center stage in the summer of 2008, when it hosted the Old Second Bank Junior Championship from July 20 to July 24; having gained notoriety as an excellent example of good golf and a well managed course, the Club took the international stage when it was selected to be the third golf course in America to host the PING Junior Solheim Cup; and

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WHEREAS, The PING Junior Solheim Cup is the junior version of the Solheim Cup, a biennial golf tournament for professional women golfers contested by teams representing Europe and the United States; the PING Junior Solheim Cup features the top 12 amateur female golfers in the United States versus the top 12 amateurs from Europe, with both teams comprised of girls between 13 and 18 years of age and chosen based on rankings

1 from multiple sources and previous amateur tournament  
2 finishes; and

3 WHEREAS, Since the inception of the PING Junior Solheim Cup  
4 in 2002, the event alternates locations between the United  
5 States and Europe every other year; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States PING Junior Solheim Cup teams  
7 have always been victorious during tournaments in the United  
8 States; the 2009 team continued that trend at the scenic Aurora  
9 Country Club with a 15.5-8.5 victory; and

10 WHEREAS, As a host of the PING Junior Solheim Cup, the  
11 Aurora Country Club became a destination of  
12 friendship-building between nations, with the competition  
13 hosting players from the Czech Republic, England, France,  
14 Germany, Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Spain, Sweden,  
15 Switzerland, and the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, The Aurora Country Club hosted such a caliber of  
17 amateur golfers as to inspire spectators, provide role models  
18 for the youth of the area, and serve as a demonstration of the  
19 face of the United States to future world leaders from the many  
20 key countries that sent their golfers to join the European  
21 team; and

1           WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Aurora Country Club,  
2           led by President Dave Nadler, played a prominent role in  
3           hosting the PING Junior Solheim Cup; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6           congratulate and applaud the Aurora Country Club and all those  
7           individuals who made it possible to host the PING Junior  
8           Solheim Cup, a tournament used as a vessel to facilitate  
9           international friendships and proves that the successes of  
10          individual golfers are less important than the opportunity to  
11          showcase the importance of team-building and sportsmanship;  
12          and be it further

13          RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
14          presented to Aurora Country Club Board of Directors President  
15          Dave Nadler, the members of the Aurora Country Club Board of  
16          Directors, Club Manager Robert White, Assistant Club Manager  
17          Peggy Hess, Golf Course Superintendent John Gurke, Membership  
18          Director Gayle Maple, and Golf Professional Aaron Sabres.