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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the citizens of the  
4 City of Edwardsville on the occasion of being named one of the  
5 top 10 towns in the nation to raise a family by Family Circle  
6 magazine; and

7           WHEREAS, To choose the top 10 towns in the nation to raise  
8 a family, Family Circle magazine hired a New York research firm  
9 to analyze data and demographics from 1,700 towns with  
10 populations between 15,000 and 150,000; to be on the list, a  
11 town must feature affordable homes, high-quality schools,  
12 access to health care, green space, crime rates, and financial  
13 stability, as well as an average income of about \$75,000; and

14           WHEREAS, The City of Edwardsville was named a top town in  
15 the nation to raise a family for the many child-friendly  
16 programs that are offered in the city, including various  
17 reading programs at the Edwardsville Public Library, the  
18 Children's Museum in Edwardsville, the Watershed Nature  
19 Center, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Arts in the  
20 Park, the Edwardsville Municipal Band, Edwardsville's  
21 top-rated school system, and nearly-universal membership in  
22 the local YMCA; and

1           WHEREAS, The City of Edwardsville's unwavering commitment  
2 to providing a safe, clean, and intellectual environment for  
3 the children of the city is worthy of the greatest respect;  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 congratulate the citizens of the City of Edwardsville on the  
8 occasion of being named one of the top 10 towns in the nation  
9 to raise a family by Family Circle magazine and wish them  
10 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Edwardsville Mayor Gary Niebur as a symbol of our  
14 esteem and respect.