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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our friend and colleague,
4 Illinois State Representative David Miller, for his service to
5 the people of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout his 17 years of practicing dentistry,
7 Representative Miller has integrated community activities and
8 dental health; in an effort to fulfill his desire of giving
9 back to his community, he established a Chicago dental office
10 to treat the underserved population of children, who are the
11 majority of his patients; he has also been an instrumental part
12 of numerous on-site dental screening programs in the
13 Chicagoland area to benefit children; and

14 WHEREAS, During his tenure as an Illinois State
15 Representative, David Miller has consistently fought for his
16 constituency and the people of this State; he was instrumental
17 in reforming the payday loan industry in the State, having
18 devised a plan that protects consumers and allows lenders to
19 provide short-term loans; he was the chief sponsor of the
20 Payday Loan Reform Act, which establishes loan limits based on
21 income and outstanding debt; during the 94th General Assembly,
22 he advocated for House Bill 1058, which allows identity theft
23 victims to make a written request to credit reporting agencies

1 to initiate a freeze on an account, and supported House Bill
2 1633, which requires data collection companies to notify
3 Illinois residents in the event of a security breach that
4 compromises sensitive personal information; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Miller has worked tirelessly to
6 increase funding for schools in his district; believes that
7 every child deserves an opportunity to learn in the best
8 schools, which is why he has worked tirelessly to achieve
9 equitable and affordable education in Illinois; he authored
10 legislation, House Bill 750, that provides parity in education
11 funding, while also relieving the property tax burden on
12 homeowners; during the 95th General Assembly, he was a
13 supporter of House Bill 5038, which would have doubled the
14 funding for early childhood education programs; he backed
15 legislation to create a Continued Reading Improvement Grant
16 Program to guarantee that Illinois students are given ample
17 resources to master reading skills; he was a supporter of
18 efforts to increase funds targeted to children aged 0 to 3 as
19 part of Early Childhood Education funding, without harming
20 existing preschool education programs; during the 96th General
21 Assembly, he sponsored Senate Bill 325, which requires the
22 State to guarantee bonds issued by the Illinois Student
23 Assistance Commission in an effort to ensure that funds are
24 available to provide grants and other assistance to those
25 wanting to attend college; and

1 WHEREAS, As the chairman of the Illinois House Higher
2 Education Committee, Representative Miller formulated a Higher
3 Education Affordability Package during the 95th General
4 Assembly to help make the dream of attending college easier to
5 achieve; the package included House Bill 330, which would allow
6 independent students who are currently eligible for MAP grants
7 to receive larger awards, House Bill 703, which would have
8 raised the maximum MAP grant allowances, and House Joint
9 Resolution 32, which charges the Illinois Student Assistance
10 Commission with documenting the overall financial need of
11 independent students in Illinois and how much they are helped
12 by the Monetary Award Program; and

13 WHEREAS, As Chairman of the House Higher Education
14 Appropriations Committee, Representative Miller ensured no
15 cuts were made to the State's colleges and universities and
16 helped to increase the funding for the Monetary Award Program
17 grants for needy college students by \$34.4 million; he worked
18 to include \$1.5 million for nursing scholarships to help
19 alleviate serious personnel shortages; during the 96th General
20 Assembly, he sponsored Senate Bill 325, which requires the
21 State to guarantee bonds issued by the Illinois Student
22 Assistance Commission in an effort to ensure that funds are
23 available to provide grants and other assistance to those
24 wanting to attend college; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Miller has been a stalwart
2 advocate for greater economic development in the Southland; he
3 introduced legislation that creates the Illinois Urban
4 Development Authority, which would help promote economic
5 growth in struggling areas by providing the tools needed to
6 develop revitalization strategies for their communities;
7 Representative Miller and South Suburban lawmakers sought to
8 ensure the Southland received its fair share of those funds by
9 passing a measure creating the Southwest Suburban Railroad
10 Redevelopment Authority, which would work to improve railroad
11 tracks and crossings in the south suburbs; during the 96th
12 General Assembly, he was the sponsor of House Bill 264, which
13 would create the Illinois Urban Development Authority Act and
14 requires the Authority to make annual reports to certain
15 entities; he also supported legislation that provides funding
16 for a capital program to repair, replace, and build much-needed
17 infrastructure throughout the State; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Miller continues to support the
19 development of a third regional airport and was pleased that
20 the Attorney General decided to offer an opinion on the Abraham
21 Lincoln Airport; he is also happy that money has been
22 re-allocated for the continued purchase of land for the
23 project; he has been a strong advocate for the third regional
24 airport, which would provide the South Suburbs with a much

1 needed economic stimulus; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Miller was instrumental in the
3 creation of the Illinois Cares Rx program, which helped to fill
4 the gap in federal Medicare Part D coverage and ensure that
5 lower-income Illinois' senior citizens and disabled persons
6 receive the best coverage possible under the federal plan; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Miller has been the recipient of
8 numerous awards and designations for his service to the
9 community, including the 2003 Legislator of the Year by
10 Illinois Pharmacists Association, the 2003 Monsignor John Egan
11 Payday Loan Reform Award, the 2003 Government Partner Award
12 from Metropolitan Family Services, the 2004 Distinguished
13 Alumni of University of Illinois College of Dentistry, and the
14 2006 American Institute of Architectures Legislator of the Year
15 award; he is also the president of the Illinois Legislative
16 Southland Caucus and a member of the BILLD and Flemming
17 Legislative Fellowships for leadership and his community
18 activity; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Miller has served as a model of
20 hard work, integrity, and dedication for his constituency and
21 the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 honor our friend and colleague, Illinois State Representative
3 David Miller, for his service and wish him great success and
4 happiness in the future; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Representative David Miller as a symbol of our
7 esteem and respect.