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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Michael Richards was born in Peoria; he is  
3 currently a resident of Chicago; and

4 WHEREAS, Michael Richards has been employed for almost  
5 forty years with the Xerox Corporation; and

6 WHEREAS, Michael Richards graduated from Peoria Central  
7 High School in 1969; he subsequently attended Illinois Central  
8 College and Bradley University, majoring in electrical  
9 engineering and technology; and

10 WHEREAS, Michael Richards has had various service line and  
11 staff positions with Xerox, including Service Engineer in  
12 Peoria, Field Manager of Customer Service in Chicago, District  
13 Service Support Manager in Chicago, Employment Manager for  
14 Midwest and Southern Regions, Human Resources Operations  
15 Manager, and District Manager of Customer Service in the  
16 Chicago Metropolitan Area; and

17 WHEREAS, Michael Richards has always been heavily involved  
18 in the community; both personally and through the auspices of  
19 his company, through numerous organizations, including the  
20 Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, the  
21 Tri-County Urban League, Lawrence Hill Youth Services, where he

1 served as a mentor for men in 1992, Xerox Concerned Black  
2 Employees, where he served as an officer for the national  
3 organization, the Minority Economic Resource Corporation Board  
4 of Directors, the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement  
5 Board of Directors, the Mt. Sinai Community Institute Board of  
6 Directors, the Chicago Minority Business Development Council  
7 Board of Directors, and the National Black Employee  
8 Association, where he held the offices of Chairman and  
9 Treasurer; and

10 WHEREAS, Michael Richards has been invited to speak on  
11 business issues on a number of occasions as a speaker for the  
12 Kemper Scholarship Program at Northern Illinois University, as  
13 a panelist at Loyola University to address diversity in  
14 corporate America, and as a speaker on business ethics at the  
15 Illinois Business Week Program at North Central College; and

16 WHEREAS, Michael Richards is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha  
17 Fraternity and is active in many other organizations, both  
18 professional and service related, and has always been committed  
19 to helping others and will continue to do so in his retirement;  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
23 we congratulate Michael A. Richards for his many years of

1 service to his community, wish him the best in his future  
2 endeavors, and trust that he will prosper as much in the future  
3 as he has in the past; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Michael A. Richards and his family to commemorate  
6 this special occasion.