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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Stanley D. Banash "Tex" on  
4 the publication of his third book, Roadside History of Illinois  
5 (Mountain Press, 2013); and

6           WHEREAS, Roadside History of Illinois is the first book in  
7 more than 30 years to focus on the history of the State; and

8           WHEREAS, Roadside History of Illinois is designed to  
9 educate and guide motorists and tourists along old U.S.  
10 highways, State roadways, and county roads to the people,  
11 places, and events that contributed to the State's historic  
12 development; and

13           WHEREAS, Roadside History of Illinois highlights the 7  
14 regions of the State - Southern Illinois: Between the Great  
15 Rivers; Western Illinois: Utopia on the Prairie; Central  
16 Illinois: Lincoln's Legacy; Eastern Illinois: More than You  
17 Expect; Northern Illinois: Rock River and Beyond; Greater  
18 Chicagoland: Metropolitan Diversity; and Chicago: City of  
19 Neighborhoods; and

20           WHEREAS, Roadside History of Illinois provides more than  
21 125 historic and modern images and features over 250 cities,

1 towns, and villages; and

2 WHEREAS, Roadside History of Illinois includes a special  
3 introduction by the late Dee Brown, author of the  
4 internationally acclaimed book, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee,  
5 and a former agriculture librarian at the University of  
6 Illinois at Champaign-Urbana; and

7 WHEREAS, Roadside History of Illinois has been praised by  
8 former U.S. Senator Adlai E. Stevenson III and Chief Deputy  
9 Director of the Illinois State Archives Wayne C. Temple, Ph.D.;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Stan Banash retains a great love of Illinois,  
12 Civil War, and Old West history that began at an early age and  
13 continues to this day; and

14 WHEREAS, Stan Banash served 4 years in the United States  
15 Air Force (Strategic Air Command), graduated from Northwestern  
16 University with a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in Political  
17 Science (1968), and graduated from Roosevelt University with a  
18 Master of Arts degree in Urban Studies (1972), and owned and  
19 operated a home-based public relations, association  
20 management, and political consulting business (1972-2014); and

21 WHEREAS, Stan Banash served as an administrative assistant

1 for press relations to Lt. Gov. Neil F. Hartigan (1973-1974)  
2 and served as Executive Director of the Illinois Law Revision  
3 Commission (1976-1984); and

4 WHEREAS, Stan Banash authored more than 10 feature articles  
5 for various national and local publications and reviewed more  
6 than 30 books for national publications; and

7 WHEREAS, Stan Banash authored 2 earlier books - Best of Dee  
8 Brown's West (Clear Light, 1998) and Dee Brown's Civil War  
9 Anthology (Clear Light, 1998); and

10 WHEREAS, Stan Banash became knowledgeable about a  
11 life-saving maneuver after attending a private luncheon with  
12 Dr. Henry Heimlich, who devised the Heimlich Maneuver to save a  
13 person's life when choking and brought the maneuver to the  
14 attention of State Rep. Ralph C. Capparelli, who authored the  
15 legislation in 1976 and again in 1977 to make it mandatory for  
16 all eating establishments in Illinois to display a poster that  
17 explains the life-saving procedure on choking victims as  
18 devised by Dr. Henry Heimlich; the legislation became law on  
19 January 1, 1978 and, since then, Stan Banash has been called  
20 upon to use the Heimlich Maneuver 3 times, thereby, saving the  
21 lives of 3 people; and

22 WHEREAS, Stan Banash wrote the speech delivered by Billy

1 Williams of the Chicago Cubs during his induction into the  
2 National Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York on July  
3 26, 1987; and

4 WHEREAS, The speech also included the previously unknown  
5 information that former Baseball Commissioner Albert B.  
6 "Happy" Chandler overruled the league's 15 owners who earlier  
7 opposed the entry of Jackie Robinson into the National League,  
8 to bring Jackie Robinson up to the Brooklyn Dodgers; if  
9 Commissioner Chandler had not taken the action when he did,  
10 Jackie Robinson would not have broken the color barrier in  
11 1947; and

12 WHEREAS, Stan Banash has been an active member of his  
13 community, serving as Secretary (1985-1987) and President  
14 (1988-1994) of the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce, Chairperson  
15 of the 41st Ward Zoning Advisory Board (1993-2011), established  
16 by 41 Ward Aid. Brian Doherty, and Sheriff of the  
17 Westerners-Chicago Corral (1996-2001); and

18 WHEREAS, Stan Banash is a member of the Western Writers of  
19 America, Society of Midland Authors, Western History  
20 Association, Westerners-Chicago Corral, Westerners  
21 International, and American Legion Edison Park Post 541;  
22 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate Stanley D. Banash on the release of his third  
4           book, Roadside History of Illinois, wish him continued success  
5           in his writing and in his efforts to further the history of  
6           Illinois among its residents, and we wish him happiness in the  
7           future; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9           presented to Stanley D. Banash as a symbol of our esteem and  
10          respect.