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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Joseph Glik on receiving
4 the Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Madison County's 2017
5 Citizen of the Year Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Glik and his family have been an integral part
7 of the business community of Southwestern Madison County for
8 over 120 years and, with Glik's, their chain of clothing
9 stores, the pillar of the county's retail business world; and

10 WHEREAS, Since 1897, the Glik family has grown a successful
11 retail business; what began with selling merchandise from a
12 horse drawn wagon has grown to include 60 stores in ten states
13 with over 500 associates; Glik's is currently ranked as the
14 14th oldest retailer in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Joe Glik took over the active management of Glik's
16 Clothing Store in Madison after he served in the United States
17 Navy and graduated from Washington University; shortly
18 thereafter, he was asked to open a second location in Granite
19 City; that was the beginning of Glik's multi-store operations;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Over the next 25 years, Joe Glik grew the business

1 to 12 stores; he then recruited his children; after his
2 children acclimated to the family business, he turned over
3 active management to them; however, he has too much energy to
4 completely retire; he still travels with his sons to visit the
5 stores and talk with the managers, clerks, and customers; he
6 always asks how the business can improve and offers his
7 impressions of what each store is doing right and wrong; and

8 WHEREAS, Joe Glik has always maintained that he and his
9 family are indebted to Madison and Granite City, and he has
10 instilled that belief in his children; Glik's corporate office
11 is still located in Granite City; every piece of promotional
12 material that is sent to New York, Los Angeles, or anywhere
13 else is proudly marked with the Nameoki Road address in Granite
14 City; Southwestern Madison County is where the business got its
15 start, and it is where the family intends to remain; and

16 WHEREAS, Joe Glik has made significant contributions to his
17 community; he served as Chairman of the Tri-Cities United Way's
18 1965 Fund Drive and served as President of its Board of
19 Directors; he has served on the St. Elizabeth Foundation and on
20 the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce; he
21 established a Breast Cancer screening fund for underserved
22 women; and he built community parks in both Edwardsville and
23 Highland; and

1 WHEREAS, Joe Glik has received the Distinguished Business
2 Alumni Award from the Washington University School of Business,
3 the De La Roche Award from the Board of Directors at St.
4 Elizabeth Hospital, and the Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime
5 Achievement "Balance" Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Glik built a family business into a major
7 retail operation but has never forgotten where he came from;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Joseph Glik on receiving the Chamber of Commerce
12 of Southwestern Madison County's 2017 Citizen of the Year
13 Award, and we recognize his achievements and dedication to
14 Southwestern Madison County; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Joe Glik as a symbol of our esteem and respect.