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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Jim Kiser on being selected as the City of Darien 2018 Citizen of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Kiser became a member of the Darien Lions Club in 1997; known as "Mr. Lion", he has held all 12 positions on the board of directors and served as president from 2013 to 2014; he has chaired nearly all of the 30 committees; his major contributions included the 2001 4th of July Parade, the 2009 Darienfest Beer Tent, the 2005 and 2008 Darienfest Corn Tent, the 2002 Candy Day, the 1999 Children's Halloween Party, the 2006 Pancake Breakfast, the 1999 Big Raffle, and the 2011 Golf Outing; he also led the Candy Day Business from 2001 to 2008; he not only lends his helping hands to the Darien Lions Club but seeks out the needs of the Downers Grove and Westmont clubs; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Kiser has brought recognition to Darien by his participation in regional and international Lions activities; he has taken on the role as the District 1J Zone Chair for the Southeast Region, chaired the State's "Alert" program, and in 2017, was chair of recruiting high school marching bands to participate in the Lions International Parade in Chicago; in 2007, he was an active member for the 90th International Lions

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1 Anniversary Committee; and

2 WHEREAS, Jim Kiser received the 2003 Lions of Illinois
3 Foundation Award, 2004-2005 Darien Lion of the Year, the 2005
4 Darien Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow, the 2011 District U
5 George Lazansky Award, and the 2016 Darien Lions Lifetime
6 Achievement Award; he was a 2016 Melvin Jones Fellowship
7 Recipient; and

8 WHEREAS, For over 15 years, Jim Kiser has enjoyed helping
9 the Easter Bunny, the Lions Club, and the Darien Park District
10 hide Easter eggs in the various parks for the annual Easter Egg
11 Hunt; annually, he has assisted the city's Chamber of Commerce
12 in planning and setting up for Darienfest; he has been
13 instrumental working on the safety committee for the Darien
14 Dash; in 2009, he received the Darien Chamber of Commerce
15 Outstanding Citizen Award; for the last six years, he has
16 served the City of Darien as a member of the Holiday Lights
17 Committee, locating homes and taking photos; he loves
18 decorating his own home for the holidays as well; and

19 WHEREAS, Jim Kiser assists Giant Steps, a school for
20 autistic children, with their annual spring barbeque and again
21 in the fall for their welcome back spaghetti dinner; from 2004
22 to 2012, he also assisted the Hinsdale High School Booster Club
23 at the concessions stands during athletic events; he is a donor

1 of blood and platelets to the LifeSource Blood services center;
2 he has given 49 times so far; and

3 WHEREAS, Jim Kiser's dedication to his parish, Our Lady of
4 Peace, spans over 21 years; he served as a Religious Education
5 Instructor from 2002 to 2012, helping grade school children
6 prepare for their upcoming sacraments; he was a member of the
7 Church's Parish Council for a year, and since 2005 has been a
8 member of the Holy Name Society, serving as a board member
9 numerous times; he is the first to volunteer for any major
10 fundraising activity the Parish plans; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1987, Jim Kiser and his wife, Carrie, were
12 married and became homeowners in the Hinswood Patio Homes
13 subdivision; he has served several years on the Homeowners
14 Board of Directors; in 1993, they moved to their present home;
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16 WHEREAS, Jim and his wife have two children, Thomas and
17 Katelyn; Jim has instilled in his children the importance of
18 giving as they regularly volunteered right alongside their
19 father for numerous events; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate Jim Kiser on being selected as the City of Darien

1 2018 Citizen of the Year, and we thank him for his service to
2 his community; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Jim Kiser as a symbol of our respect and esteem.