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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to thank William C. "Chris" Olsen and Debbie Olsen of Decatur for their many years of hard work and dedication to the community and for being the recipients of the Easter Seals Central Illinois 2003 Seal of Excellence Award; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen has been active in the Decatur community for many years in numerous capacities; he served as a board member of the Decatur Athletic Council from 1991 until 2000, and as president of that organization from 1992 to 2000; he served as a board member for Macon Resources from 1990 until 1994, as vice president from 1994 to 1995, and as president from 1995 until 1997; he was a board member of the Millikin Alumni Association from 1995 until 1998 and was president of the association from 1997 until 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen served as a board member of the Richland Community College Foundation from 1999 to 2001; he has served as a board member of the Metro Decatur Chamber of Commerce since 2000 and chairman from 2001 to 2002; he is a board member of the Illinois State Chamber (2000-present), the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County (2002-present), and the Decatur Public Schools Foundation (1999-present), where he served as chairman from 2001 until this year; he is currently a board member of the Country Club of Decatur as well; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Olsen is a graduate of the Decatur Leadership Institute and generously volunteers his time with several organizations, including Special Olympics, Easter Seals, Meals on Wheels, and the American Cancer Society; and

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WHEREAS, In the past, Mr. Olsen has served on many boards and in many organizations, including Tri Cities YMCA (Granite City 1980), Illinois State University Business Advisory

1 Council (1987-1990), Illinois Wesleyan Associates
2 (1987-1990), United Way-Bloomington (1988-1990), United Way
3 Campaign-Bloomington (chairman, 1990), McLean County Chamber
4 of Commerce (1988-1990, vice president 1990), Occupational
5 Development Center (1988-1990), and the Illinois State
6 Redbird Scholarship Fund (1987-1990); he was a member of the
7 Rotary Club of Bloomington from 1987 until 1990, the Early
8 Bird Kiwanis Club of Decatur from 1984 to 1986, and the
9 Jaycees of Decatur from 1978 to 1979; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Olsen has also been a very active member of
11 her community and has worked on the Komen Decatur Race for
12 the Cure as the Survivor Celebration chair, the Auction
13 chair, the Fun and Fit chair, and the Pasta Party chair; she
14 is a member of the United Way Cabinet, serving as the Health
15 Care division co-chair; she is a lifetime member of Junior
16 Welfare; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Olsen is a member of the Millikin-Decatur
18 Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors and has served as the
19 vice president, the Ways and Means chair, and the Symphony of
20 Trees general chair; she has served as the president of the
21 Eisenhower Elite Energy Show Choir Parent's Booster Club and
22 as a member of the Eisenhower Athletic Booster Board, the
23 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Booster Board, and the Baum
24 School PTA Board; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Olsen has served as the Gift Shop
26 co-chair/buyer on the Decatur Memorial Hospital Auxiliary;
27 she has served on the Millikin Alumnae Board and the Alumnae
28 Advisory Corp of Pi Beta Phi; she served as president of the
29 Bloomington Normal Symphony Board and of the Women's Center
30 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bloomington; she was the vice
31 president of the Easter Seals Board of Directors; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Olsen have served together in many

1 capacities; they are both members at St. Paul's Lutheran
2 Church; they served as the general co-chair for the
3 Children's Museum Gala, as the general co-chair for Corks and
4 Forks, which is sponsored by the Decatur Arts Council, and
5 are the present social chairs for the Country Club of
6 Decatur; they were the honorary co-chairs for "One Light to
7 Remember", sponsored by the Decatur Memorial Foundation;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we thank Mr. and Mrs. William C. "Chris" Olsen for their
12 profound and extensive contributions to their communities,
13 and we congratulate them on being the recipients of the
14 Easter Seals Central Illinois 2003 Seal of Excellence Award;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Chris and Debbie Olsen as an expression of our
18 respect and esteem.