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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor Richard J. Mark for his work in his community; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Mark serves as president and CEO of the Ameren Illinois Company; and

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WHEREAS, A native of Collinsville, Richard Mark has been keenly involved in uplifting the City of East St. Louis; as president and chief executive officer of the City of East St. Louis' last remaining hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, he oversaw the turnaround of the hospital, which was, at one time, a premier medical facility south of Springfield; as the fortunes of East St. Louis slipped, so did the economic stability of St. Mary's; during his tenure, the hospital was turned around to fiscal solvency and was featured on one of the national nightly news programs for its efforts to sustain economic challenges as an inner city hospital; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Mark served as chairman of the East St. Louis School District 189 Financial Oversight Panel for 10 years; when the District proposed to sell the abandoned Parsons Field far below its market value, he insisted that the School Board revisit the sale, thus ensuring that a \$30,000 sale was

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1 changed to a \$300,000 sale; and

2 WHEREAS, Richard Mark serves as a model of hard work,  
3 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
4 Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we congratulate Richard J. Mark for his work in his community  
8 and wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and  
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Richard Mark as a symbol of our esteem and  
12 respect.