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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives publicly
3 acknowledges and recognizes those individuals who serve their
4 greater community, those whose hard work, dedication, and
5 commitment to the needs of those around them drive the success
6 of programs, causes, and organizations; and

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WHEREAS, "Kehillath Sha'arei Tzedek Mishkan Yair," a
8 communal mainstay in the West Rogers Park neighborhood of
9 Chicago for more than a quarter century, is celebrating its
10 twenty-sixth anniversary dinner on February 3, 2018, and at
11 this time of celebration, is proud to join the Illinois House
12 of Representatives in honoring Rabbi Yehiel M. Kalish; and

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WHEREAS, Rabbi Yehiel M. Kalish has continually served the
14 greater community; in the fifteen years he spent at the Agudath
15 Israel of America, he secured critical funding for Jewish
16 communal programs, both nationwide and within the state of
17 Illinois; his strong relationships and fundraising abilities
18 attracted tens of millions of dollars in state and federal aid
19 to communities in need nationwide; and

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WHEREAS, Rabbi Yehiel M. Kalish has faithfully served the
21 Synagogue as its cantor for more than two decades; his years of
22 service and dedication to the synagogue have earned him the

1 respect and admiration of the congregation; and

2 WHEREAS, Rabbi Yehiel M. Kalish has received numerous
3 awards for his work, including a recognition from The Walton
4 Family Foundation for the development of a strong grass roots
5 movement in the area of school choice, a New York State Senate
6 Proclamation for hurricane relief efforts, the Alumnus of the
7 Year Award from the Cincinnati Hebrew Day School, and an award
8 for the development of critical school choice advocacy efforts
9 from the Ruth and Lovette Peters Foundation; and

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 recognize Rabbi Yehiel M. Kalish for his steadfast devotion,
13 leadership, and dedication to his synagogue and the greater
14 community, and we congratulate him on his accomplishments and
15 contributions to the people of the State of Illinois and the
16 nation; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Rabbi Yehiel M. Kalish as an expression of our
19 esteem and respect.