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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Herbert Wilson Nadelhoffer on the occasion of his 90th birthday on March 23, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer was born at Chicago Lying-in Hospital on March 23, 1929, the second child of Carleton and Harriet (Wilson) Nadelhoffer; he was delivered by his aunt, Dr. Luella Nadelhoffer; and

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WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer came home to the Nadelhoffer Farm at 2800 71st Street in what is now known as Woodridge, where he was greeted by his strong two-year-old brother, Carleton; his creative sister, Caroline, followed in 1934; and

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WHEREAS, The Nadelhoffer Farm, a Sears Catalog Aladdin Home and a timber frame barn built by his great-grandfather John Nadelhoffer, featured many Swiss Brown dairy cows and 178-acres of corn, oats, alfalfa hay, and wheat; and

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WHEREAS, The family farm was also home to work horses Black Jack and Fanny, who were good for pulling the hay mower and cultivating corn, Ginger and Maude, older horses that assisted with planting, hired hand John Zalipu, one powerful and scary

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1 bull, a steel-lugged Farmall F-12 Tractor, and a great deal of  
2 love; and

3 WHEREAS, The Nadelhoffer Farm was recognized as the highest  
4 producing herd of dairy cows in the State of Illinois by the  
5 Dairy Herd Improvement Association in 1939 and 1957; and

6 WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer attended Avery-Coonley  
7 School, where his mother was a teacher, and Tamarack School, a  
8 one-room schoolhouse where he was one of two 3rd grade  
9 students; he also attended Oswego High School and Downers Grove  
10 High School; and

11 WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer graduated from Carleton  
12 College in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in zoology and a minor  
13 in English; he went on to earn a teaching certificate from  
14 North Central College, a master's degree in theater from  
15 Northwestern University, and, ultimately, a Ph.D. in public  
16 address and group communication; and

17 WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer was drafted in 1953 and served  
18 in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps, where he conducted  
19 security clearances; he was honorably discharged in 1955 and  
20 participated in an Honor Flight in 2018; and

21 WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer taught classes at Naperville

1 Community High School, 7th and 3rd grade science at O'Neil Jr.  
2 High School in Downers Grove, 5th grade at Hanahauoli School in  
3 Hawaii, 5th grade at Lester School in Downers Grove, 5th grade  
4 at Highland School in Naperville, and 5th grade at Ellsworth  
5 School in Naperville; and

6 WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer is the father of two  
7 daughters, Heather, a beautiful renaissance musician, and  
8 Maile, a beautiful research economist; and

9 WHEREAS, After living away from the farm for a time,  
10 Herbert Nadelhoffer moved back to help take care of his father  
11 after his mother Harriet passed away in 1962; his father passed  
12 away in 1969; and

13 WHEREAS, The high taxation of farmland during the  
14 Quadrennial Reassessment inspired Herbert Nadelhoffer to work  
15 with Congressman Harris Fawell to secure the agricultural tax  
16 rollback which reduced property taxes for farmers caught in  
17 urban expansion; and

18 WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer was a strong and informed  
19 voice during the 1959 creation of the Village of Woodridge,  
20 which incorporated the Nadelhoffer Farm among others; he was  
21 elected and served on the Woodridge School Board and worked  
22 with his friend and neighbor, architect Tom Brown, on the

1 Rossmoor Woodridge Center project; and

2 WHEREAS, During the riots associated with the 1968  
3 Democratic National Convention, Herbert Nadelhoffer invited  
4 four people to find refuge at the Nadelhoffer Farm; 200 people  
5 showed up seeking safety; and

6 WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer created Frogg's Place and  
7 rented two farms at Fermilab to provide healthy outdoor  
8 activities for wards of the court residing at the Youth Home in  
9 Naperville; he coordinated volunteers, music, activities,  
10 graduate students, and donors; he also taught an Urban Gateways  
11 theater class at Sacred Heart; and

12 WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer is a champion of history,  
13 storytelling, and of the public use of the Greene Farmstead;  
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15 WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer met the love of his life, Mary  
16 Lou Wehrli, on a racquetball court in 1980 and followed her to  
17 the east coast and London; together in 1982, they, along with  
18 family and friends, built their timber frame home at 916 W.  
19 Jefferson Avenue in downtown Naperville; it was a grand barn  
20 raising with all generations measuring, cutting, chiseling,  
21 soaping, lifting, hammering, and celebrating; and

1           WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer and Mary Lou enjoyed  
2 extensive travel across the United States and to Canada,  
3 Mexico, Europe, India, Nepal, Australia, and New Zealand;  
4 during the trip to India, they visited the Wanless Hospital,  
5 the Wilson Clinic, and the Kodaikanal International School,  
6 where his grandparents, Alexander and Eugene Wilson, had worked  
7 a century before; and

8           WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer rode an elephant in Nepal and  
9 was known as Maja Gunda (Barn Smell); and

10           WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer later founded Nadelhoffer  
11 Energy Works to develop land and build energy efficient homes,  
12 including solar homes, double envelope homes, and timber frame  
13 homes; and

14           WHEREAS, As a representative of Riverbend Timber Framing,  
15 Herbert Nadelhoffer designed and built timber frame homes and  
16 structures for 25 years; he retired in 2008; and

17           WHEREAS, In 1987, Herbert Nadelhoffer became a certified  
18 NCTV17 Naperville Community Television producer; while working  
19 there, he wrote, produced, directed, edited, and starred in  
20 Black Acre: a remembrance and Farmers, Corn, Cows & Hazy  
21 Memories; and

1           WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer remains a friendly face at the  
2 Naperville Edward-Elmhurst Health Center; and

3           WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer enjoys a variety of strenuous  
4 activities, including playing flops, 8# ball toss, the coffee  
5 grinder shoulder work out, pull ups, pushes and pulls for legs,  
6 breathing deeply, and the hot tub; he is also a master  
7 gardener, a chef extraordinaire, guitar picker, singer of folk  
8 songs, painter, sculptor, and writer; and

9           WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer excels at Bananagrams,  
10 reading, and tenaciously figuring things out; and

11           WHEREAS, Herbert Nadelhoffer has said he considers the  
12 greatest gifts in his life to be Mary Lou and growing up on the  
13 family farm; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate Herbert Wilson Nadelhoffer on his 90th  
17 birthday, and we wish him many more wonderful years; and be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Herbert Nadelhoffer as a symbol of our respect and  
21 esteem.