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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Eric Phillips on
4 receiving the 2019 Most Innovative Blood Drive Coordinator
5 Award from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers;
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7 WHEREAS, Blood centers rely 100% on donations from
8 volunteer donors in order to maintain a safe and viable blood
9 supply; and

10 WHEREAS, Blood drive coordinators play a vital role in
11 educating the public on the importance of blood donation; and

12 WHEREAS, Through his role as director of the University of
13 Illinois at Chicago Athletic Department, Eric Phillips set out
14 to organize the biggest blood drive ever held in Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, After months of logistical planning and a heavy
16 marketing campaign, Eric Phillips' blood drive at the U of I
17 Pavilion in September of 2018 resulted in a record number of
18 759 blood donations, which helped save 2,277 lives; and

19 WHEREAS, Eric Phillips's blood drive succeeded in breaking
20 the record for the greatest number of blood donations at a

1 drive-in a single day in Illinois history; and

2 WHEREAS, Every summer, the Illinois Coalition of Community
3 Blood Centers holds a statewide competition to honor
4 individuals who have made a major impact in their communities
5 through their blood drive collection efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, In June of 2019, Vitalant nominated Eric Phillips
7 in the Most Innovative Blood Drive Coordinator category; he was
8 chosen in July of 2019 by the Illinois Coalition of Community
9 Blood Centers as the state winner; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Eric Phillips on receiving the 2019 Most
13 Innovative Blood Drive Coordinator Award, commend him for his
14 hard work and dedication in organizing the State's largest
15 blood drive, and thank him for all the lives that were saved
16 through his efforts; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Eric Phillips as a symbol of our respect and
19 esteem.