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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Lee Milner for his years of service to the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Milner was born in Breese and spent his early years in Southern Illinois; he attended school in West Liberty and Beecher City and graduated from Bridgeport High School; he earned his bachelor's degree in communications from Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU); during summers and after graduation, he served as a photojournalist for the Effingham Daily News; he joined the U.S. Army and proudly served for two years during the Vietnam War; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Milner worked in public relations and took courses at MacMurray College in Jacksonville following his discharge from the military; when the SIU Medical School started in 1971, he accepted a position as photographer and audio-visual manager for Memorial Hospital, serving the medical school; he then went to Washington DC to serve as media and legislative aide to Olney's congressman, George Shipley, in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Milner returned to Springfield to marry Cindy in late 1974; he stayed and began working as assistant press

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1 secretary to Illinois House Speaker William A. Redmond in
2 1975; when needed, he performed most of his supervisor's
3 duties for the speaker and caucus members; in addition, he
4 used his own equipment to meet the photographic needs of
5 members, including documenting the visits of former Chicago
6 Mayor Richard Daley; and

7 WHEREAS, Lee Milner was recruited to assume leadership of
8 the communications division of the Illinois State Board of
9 Education; he took an early retirement and became director of
10 community and governmental relations for Springfield's
11 community blood center, now Impact Life; and

12 WHEREAS, Lee Milner graduated from the FBI Citizens
13 Academy in 2009; he served as the president of the FBI
14 Springfield Citizens Academy Alumni Association for seven
15 years and is currently the president emeritus; and

16 WHEREAS, Lee Milner currently manages the Capitol Bureau
17 of the Illinois Times and takes many pictures of lawmakers in
18 action; and

19 WHEREAS, Lee Milner is most proud of his family and enjoys
20 spending time with his beloved wife, Cindy, his two children,
21 and grandchildren; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we recognize Lee Milner for his years of service to the State
4 of Illinois, and we wish him the best in all his future
5 endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Lee Milner as a symbol of our respect and esteem.