

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to recognize businesses in the
4 State of Illinois that have exhibited a high degree of
5 excellence; and

6 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that five Illinois
7 organizations have received recognition by The Lincoln
8 Foundation for Performance Excellence (LFPE) for
9 demonstrating improvement in their business management,
10 processes, and quality; and

11 WHEREAS, The recipients of The Lincoln Silver Award for
12 Progress Towards Excellence for 2003 are Dana Brake and
13 Chassis in McHenry and Grainger Industrial Supply in Lake
14 Forest; this award commends organizations for continued
15 progress towards performance excellence in management,
16 process, and quality; and

17 WHEREAS, Dana Brake and Chassis is a manufacturer and
18 distributor of high-quality, safety related components for
19 brake and steering systems for the automotive industry; the
20 company operates seven locations and employs approximately
21 1000 people in Illinois with additional facilities throughout
22 the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and South America; an emphasis on
23 teamwork, involvement, and empowerment is the foundation for
24 the company's success and people are viewed as its most
25 important asset; and

26 WHEREAS, W.W. Grainger, Inc., with 2001 sales of \$4.8
27 billion, is the leading North American industrial distributor
28 of products used by businesses to maintain, repair, and
29 operate their facilities; Grainger shares are traded on the
30 New York and Chicago stock exchanges; and

31 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Bronze Award for Commitment to

1 Excellence was given to John Jay Elementary School in Mount
2 Prospect, Technivista in Highland Park, and the U.S. Army
3 Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, at Arsenal Island;
4 this award is bestowed upon companies and organizations that
5 demonstrate the plan and commitment to implement key business
6 and management processes that lead to a higher degree of
7 performance excellence; and

8 WHEREAS, The mission of John Jay Elementary of Community
9 Consolidated School District 59 is to build a community of
10 learners and the school has a vision of success for all; the
11 staff and students are not only committed to academic
12 excellence, but also to social responsibility with programs
13 and relationships throughout the community; and

14 WHEREAS, Technivista is an advanced technology
15 intelligence company utilizing its patented logic methodology
16 to create highly specialized breakthrough applications
17 involving artificial intelligence, pattern recognition,
18 process optimization, and predictive analysis; the systems
19 the company is developing are based on recently discovered
20 logic technology that is radically different from the way
21 information is generally processed today; and

22 WHEREAS, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island
23 District, covers more than 78,000 square miles; the mission
24 of the Rock Island District is to apply engineering expertise
25 to provide for navigation, flood protection, environmental
26 restoration, emergency response, and to operate facilities
27 and lands for the public good; and

28 WHEREAS, Dana Brake and Chassis was also recognized with
29 the Award for Exemplary Practice for its Student Training and
30 Education Program (STEP), a cooperative effort between Dana
31 Brake and Chassis and McHenry Community High School District
32 156, providing in-house degree completion and on-the-job

1 training for at risk students; and

2 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Foundation for Performance
3 Excellence is a not-for-profit organization that assists
4 Illinois organizations as they strive for performance
5 excellence by planning and implementing sound management
6 processes; the Foundation raises the statewide bar of
7 competetiveness by strengthening existing organizations,
8 attracting new businesses to Illinois, and promoting private
9 and public sector cooperation; each year a select Lincoln
10 Board of Examiners and Panel of Judges review award
11 applications and determine which applicants have earned
12 recognition; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Dana Brake and Chassis, Grainger Industrial
16 Supply, John Jay Elementary School, Technivista, and the U.S.
17 Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, for their
18 outstanding display of of improvement in their management,
19 processes, and quality; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to Dana Brake and Chassis, Grainger Industrial
22 Supply, John Jay Elementary School, Technivista, and the U.S.
23 Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, as an
24 expression of our esteem.