

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to honor Attorney Bruce Mitchell
4 of Marion as a true profile in courage; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was diagnosed with liver and
6 pancreatic cancer on January 4, 1998, and was given only 6
7 weeks to live; and

8 WHEREAS, In the spring of 1998, Dr. Harvey Solomon of St.
9 Louis University performed Whipple Surgery on Mr. Mitchell;
10 Dr. Solomon removed part of Mr. Mitchell's pancreas, liver,
11 and stomach, and his entire gallbladder; success for such
12 surgeries is not great; statistics show that less than 10
13 percent of the patients that have Whipple Surgery live more
14 than 9 months; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell did not concede; after several
16 rounds of chemotherapy and various experimental and
17 near-death procedures, including liver resection, he
18 continued to hold on; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell underwent a liver transplant in
20 June of 2003, and the operation was a success; at this time,
21 Mr. Mitchell is cancer-free and on the road to recovery and
22 is an inspiration to us all; and

23 WHEREAS, Bruce Mitchell, despite his debilitating
24 condition, has continued to practice law with his father,
25 J.C. Mitchell; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell's wife, Linda, and his daughter,
27 Erin Brubacker, have been on the front line of his war
28 against cancer and are deserving of recognition as well; and

29 WHEREAS, Despite all odds and in the face of gravest
30 circumstances, Bruce Mitchell has refused to accept defeat,

1 has lived each day in an inspirational manner, and has waged
2 war against cancer with dignity and courage; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we recognize Attorney Bruce Mitchell as a living miracle;
6 further, we honor Bruce Mitchell as a profile in courage and
7 as an example of determination and perseverance, and as an
8 inspiration to us all; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Attorney Bruce Mitchell as an expression of our
11 respect and esteem and with wishes of good health and
12 happiness in the years to come.