

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Stuart Ferst has made positive contributions to
6 the lives of thousands of people with disabilities in the
7 State of Illinois over the course of five decades; and

8 WHEREAS, Stuart Ferst has vigorously advocated on behalf
9 of Anixter Center and its clients for the past 34 years,
10 including 20 years as President and CEO; and

11 WHEREAS, Stuart Ferst extended the mission of Anixter
12 Center to give people with disabilities a powerful voice in
13 Springfield through a Government Action Committee as well as
14 employee and client government action committees; and

15 WHEREAS, Stuart Ferst has taken a leadership role as a
16 board member of his State association and for the past 3
17 years by leading a regional provider group called the Metro
18 Chicago Human Service Coalition; and

19 WHEREAS, Stuart Ferst has been honored several times over
20 for his contributions to social services in Illinois, and is
21 known throughout the Chicagoland non-profit world; and

22 WHEREAS, Stuart Ferst has been a devoted father, husband
23 and grandfather who is quick to show pictures of loved ones;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Stuart Ferst has an endearing personality that
26 leaves a memorable impression on those he encounters; and

27 WHEREAS, Stuart Ferst loathes bottled water and abhors
28 physical exercise; and

29 WHEREAS, Stuart Ferst has dedicated much of his life to

1 the ideals of inclusion and empowerment for people with
2 disabilities and is now entering into retirement; therefore
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we express our thanks to Stuart Ferst for his years of
7 accomplishment serving people with disabilities and wish him
8 the best of luck in his retirement; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Stuart Ferst as an expression of our esteem.