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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives would
3 like to congratulate the Gems of the Prairie Quilters of Peoria
4 on hosting the National Quilting Association, Inc.'s Quilt
5 Show; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Quilting Association, Inc. is
7 holding its 35th Anniversary Quilt Show entitled "The Heart of
8 Quilting" in Peoria from June 24, 2004 to June 26, 2004; the
9 show will include a Preview Party, a surprise program at the
10 Thursday Night Banquet, a Little Quilt Auction, and classes and
11 lectures; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Quilting Association, Inc. is a
13 non-profit organization run by quilters for quilters and was
14 founded in 1970 by 7 women in the Washington, D.C., area; the
15 organization was established to create, stimulate, maintain,
16 and record an interest in all matters pertaining to the making,
17 collecting, and preserving of quilts and to establish and
18 promote educational and philanthropic endeavors through
19 quilts; and

20 WHEREAS, The Gems of the Prairie Quilters, the hosts of
21 this year's Quilt Show, are happy to use their skills for
22 worthwhile causes; and

23 WHEREAS, The Gems of the Prairie Quilters sponsor community
24 projects, including making quilts for children; each year, the
25 group holds a NICU quilt contest, in which members vote on
26 quilts to determine the winners of 3 prizes, and the quilts are
27 then donated to the nursery at St. Francis, where they add a
28 homey touch to a necessarily sterile environment;
29 approximately 100 quilts were donated last year after they were
30 displayed at the quilt show; and

1 WHEREAS, The Gems of the Prairie Quilters also sponsor
2 Little Gems Quilts for the St. Jude Peoria Affiliate at St.
3 Francis Hospital; the quilts made for this project are given to
4 the patients at the St. Jude Peoria Affiliate; approximately 50
5 quilts are donated to these young cancer patients every year;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 congratulate the Gems of the Prairie Quilters of Peoria on
10 hosting the National Quilting Association's Quilt Show from
11 June 24, 2004 through June 26, 2004; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Gems of the Prairie Quilters as an expression
14 of our best wishes for a successful event.