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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce on being named one of 2003's top ten economic development groups in North America by Site Selection magazine; and

WHEREAS, Site Selection magazine, the industry's lead publication, picked Elgin's chamber as one of its top 10 from a field of 300 applying organizations; there are more than 1,500 such groups nationwide; it estimated the Elgin chamber had led or assisted in efforts that brought 2,311 new jobs to Elgin and \$67.8 million in corporate capital investments in 2003; and

WHEREAS, The key to making the Elgin chamber one of the best has been creating cooperative arrangements with government agencies, businesses, and organizations; in addition to frequent work with the city, the Elgin chamber also collaborates frequently with Kane County and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to keep jobs and businesses in town or attract new ones; and

WHEREAS, The Elgin chamber's largest such partnership program is its "Challenge 21" campaign, in which government agencies and private businesses and organizations work together to promote corporate investment in the community; volunteers with Challenge 21 focus on business retention and expansion, work force development, business recruitment, enhancing Elgin's image, and transportation and development; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce on being named one of 2003's top ten economic development groups in North

1 America by Site Selection magazine; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce as an
4 expression of our respect and esteem.