



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Thomas J. Mathes on being
4 named general manager of the award-winning Hotel Burnham
5 Chicago; as general manager, he is responsible for all daily
6 operations, personnel, training and business development for
7 the property; and

8 WHEREAS, Having carved a special niche in the luxury
9 hospitality industry, he brings to the position more than seven
10 years of industry experience; he was promoted to the position
11 of general manager after holding a series of top posts at
12 various Kimpton properties in Chicago; most recently, he served
13 as hotel manager at the 483-room Hotel Allegro, where he was
14 responsible for the supervision of daily operations; he also
15 has experience as hotel manager at the 192-room Hotel Monaco
16 Chicago, and was assistant general manager at the Hotel
17 Burnham; and

18 WHEREAS, He also held management positions at hotels
19 including the Midland Hotel and Hotel Sofitel in Chicago, and a
20 trainer position at Red Roof Inns in St. Louis; he started his
21 stellar career in the hospitality industry at the Peabody Hotel
22 in Memphis as a front desk agent; he also served as proprietor
23 of Sterling Entertainment in Memphis and St. Louis; and

24 WHEREAS, Hotel Burnham Chicago, named after famed city
25 planner and architect Daniel Burnham of D.H. Burnham and Co.
26 who originally designed the building, is located in the city's
27 Theatre District; the boutique-style hotel is one of Chicago's
28 most significant architectural landmarks, occupying the
29 historic 109-year-old former Reliance Building; completed in
30 1895, the Reliance Building was not only a premier product of
31 "the Chicago style" architecture, it was the first direct
32 predecessor to the modern skyscrapers that are such a large

1 part of Chicago today; the 14 floors of the Reliance Building
2 seem to defy gravity due to its interior iron and steel frame
3 construction and delicate glass and terra cotta facade;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Thomas J. Mathes on being named general manager of
8 the Hotel Burnham Chicago and we wish him success in the
9 future; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Thomas J. Mathes as an expression of our esteem.