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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Joseph E. Shacter has announced that he is  
3 retiring as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Peggy  
4 Notebaert Nature Museum of the Chicago Academy of Sciences,  
5 located in Chicago's Lincoln Park community; and

6           WHEREAS, The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum opened in  
7 October 1999 and carries on the Academy's mission of exploring  
8 and nurturing the environment; the Museum serves as the  
9 cornerstone for Academy research projects and provides  
10 nationally recognized educational outreach programming; and

11           WHEREAS, Joe Shacter was appointed President and Chief  
12 Executive Officer of the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum on  
13 November 1, 2000; under his dynamic leadership, the Museum has  
14 raised \$4.1 million to upgrade or replace five of six permanent  
15 galleries and beautify the Museum's exterior with various types  
16 of native landscaping, including rooftop gardens; assembled a  
17 top-notch staff that brings creativity and a strong commitment  
18 to the Museum's mission to inspire people to learn and care for  
19 nature; maintained a balanced budget year after year; increased  
20 attendance 56% compared to the year he arrived; and committed  
21 \$1 million per year in educational funding to reach more  
22 children in outreach programs than any other Museums in the  
23 Park institution, increasing philanthropic revenue growth more  
24 than 40%; and

25           WHEREAS, During Joe Shacter's tenure, the Museum has also  
26 redefined its mission statement, initiated a comprehensive  
27 strategic planning process to renew its focus, aligned  
28 educational programs to the organizational mission, developed  
29 a comprehensive, multi-year plan for education programs -  
30 Teaching Green - to coincide with the institutional strategic  
31 plan, developed successful working partnerships with numerous  
32 city departments, and built strong relationships with

1 community groups and governmental entities and representatives  
2 at the local, State, and federal levels; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 commend Joseph E. Shacter upon the occasion of his retirement  
6 as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Peggy Notebaert  
7 Nature Museum and we thank him for his exemplary service in  
8 leading the Museum as it educates the citizens of this State  
9 and promotes awareness of nature and the environment; and be it  
10 further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Joseph E. Shacter as expression of our respect and  
13 esteem.