



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Rabbi Morris I. Esformes received a Bachelor of  
3 Arts in social sciences in 1970 from Roosevelt University; he  
4 attended Hebrew Theological College in Skokie and received his  
5 Rabbinic Ordination in 1970; he has continued his education at  
6 Roosevelt University by taking courses in social work; and

7 WHEREAS, Rabbi Esformes is a Managing General Partner at 20  
8 nursing homes in two states, Florida and Illinois, and at  
9 Larkin Community Hospital in South Miami, Florida, at Woodland  
10 Towers in Deland, Florida, and at Park Plaza in Chicago; and

11 WHEREAS, Rabbi Esformes served as the Executive Director of  
12 Arie Crown Hebrew Day School from 1973 to 1976 and as  
13 Administrator at Birchwood Pavilion Nursing Home in Chicago  
14 from 1970 to 1973; and

15 WHEREAS, He served on the State of Illinois Commission on  
16 Mental Health in 1978 and on the Illinois Council for Long Term  
17 Care as Vice-President from 1977 to 1979; and

18 WHEREAS, Rabbi Esformes has been actively involved in his  
19 community; he is a Past President of Arie Crown Hebrew Day  
20 School, and a board member for Hebrew Theological College,  
21 Telshe Yeshiva, the Wisconsin Institute of Torah Study,  
22 Associated Talmud Torahs, and Hannah Sachs Girls School; he is  
23 President Emeritus of Morris Namias Hebrew Academy in New  
24 Jersey and the founder of the Chicago Community Kollel; he is  
25 on the National Board of Ben Gurion University in Israel and  
26 Torah Umsorah and the board of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for  
27 Holocaust Studies; he is a member of the Social Welfare  
28 Committee of the Jewish Federation Committee of Metropolitan  
29 Chicago, Past Vice President of Congregation Adas Yeschurum,  
30 and Past President of Cong. Adas Bnai Israel; and

1           WHEREAS, Rabbi Esformes has been the recipient of numerous  
2 honors, including the Yissacher Zevulun Award from Lakewood  
3 Yeshiva in 1980, the Founder Award of Telshe Yeshiva in 1981,  
4 and the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago Morris Esformes  
5 Scholarship Foundation; he was honored by Chicago Community  
6 Kollel, Post-Graduate School for Rabbis in 1982 and by Arie  
7 Crown Hebrew Day School in 1983; he was honored by American  
8 Friends of Ohr Somavach in 1985, by American Friends of Kerem  
9 B'Yavneh in 1985, by Lakewood Yeshiva in 1990, by Yeshiva  
10 Gedola Ateres Mordechai in 1989, by Central Yeshiva Beth Joseph  
11 in 1988, by Neve Yerushalayim in 1994, and by Yeshivas Brisk in  
12 1998; and

13           WHEREAS, On Wednesday, February 9, 2005, a reception is  
14 being held to celebrate the establishment of The Rabbi Morris  
15 I. Esformes Professorship; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we congratulate Rabbi Morris I. Esformes on the establishment  
19 of a professorship in his honor at the University of Chicago;  
20 and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to Rabbi Esformes as an expression of our respect and  
23 esteem.