



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Gerhard (Gary) Seibert of Chicago has been named  
3 area vice-president and managing director for Hawaii,  
4 overseeing the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa,  
5 Doubletree Alana Waikiki and Hilton Waikoloa Village; a  
6 farewell party is planned for Mr. Seibert on May 26, 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Seibert has been serving as area  
8 vice-president for Hilton Hotels Corporation and general  
9 manager of the historic Palmer House Hilton since 2000; in his  
10 32 years at Hilton, he has earned a first-rate reputation not  
11 only for his professional contributions to the company, but  
12 also as a dedicated community leader, a vocal proponent of  
13 workplace diversity, and one of the industry's top authorities  
14 on hospitality, tourism, and hotel operations; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Seibert received his undergraduate degree in  
16 Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management from Purdue  
17 University; in 1989, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award  
18 from Purdue's School of Engineering and Technology at  
19 Indianapolis; and

20 WHEREAS, He began his career at Hilton in 1973 as a front  
21 desk clerk at the Indianapolis Hilton; the company gave him his  
22 first general manager position in 1982 at the Northfield Hilton  
23 in Troy, Michigan; in 1988, he was named general manager of the  
24 Hilton Chicago and Towers, where he earned the distinction of  
25 being named the Hilton General Manager of the Year for three  
26 consecutive years from 1990 to 1992; in 2000, he became area  
27 vice-president, Midwest Region, Hilton Hotels Corporation and  
28 general manager of the Palmer House Hilton; and

29 WHEREAS, He has been the Illinois representative to the  
30 American Hotel and Lodging Association (AH&LA) for more than  
31 ten years; in addition to serving on the association's

1 executive committee for a number of years, he served on the  
2 political action committee of AH&LA and the Illinois Hotel &  
3 Lodging Association (IHLA); he has served as an IHLA board  
4 member for 15 years, four of them in officer positions; he has  
5 been vice-chairman of the IHLA's Education Foundation since  
6 1994, working to distribute over \$200,000 in scholarships to  
7 deserving college students pursuing careers in the hospitality  
8 industry; he has attended every Legislative Action Summit in  
9 Washington, D.C., since its inception, and has helped lead the  
10 Illinois delegation each year; he was also elected chairman of  
11 the board of Chicago's Convention and Tourism Bureau in 1995  
12 and 1996; and

13 WHEREAS, The three words that best describe Mr. Siebert are  
14 "determined, tireless, and committed"; he will be relocating to  
15 Hawaii with his wife, Kathryn; he has three grown sons;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate Gerhard (Gary) Seibert on his promotion within  
20 the Hilton Hotels Corporation and wish him and his wife the  
21 best in their move to Hawaii; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
23 presented to Gerhard (Gary) Siebert as an expression of our  
24 admiration and esteem.