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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Renato "Ron" Turano of Burr Ridge was recently elected to serve in the Italian Parliament as the first senator to represent a new district of expatriate countrymen; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Turano, the president of a Berwyn-based bakery, holds dual citizenship in the United States and Italy; he moved to Chicago from southern Italy as a teenager; he helped his family build its business from a 600-square-foot bakery in Portage Park into an enterprise with 650 employees and three factories; and

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WHEREAS, He will represent about 200,000 Italian citizens in the U.S. and 150,000 in Canada, Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean; and

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WHEREAS, He is affiliated with the L'Unione party and will become one of 315 members of the Senato della Repubblica; giving expatriate Italians the right to vote was first promoted in 2001; he was the top vote-getter out of more than a dozen candidates for the North American seat, earning 11,634 votes; only citizens who have Italian or dual citizenship were able to vote; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Turano will serve a five-year term beginning at the end of the month; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Mr. Renato "Ron" Turano on his election to the Italian Parliament; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Turano as an expression of our esteem.

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