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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pat Dawson of Forsyth, partner and owner of Miles Chevrolet Inc. in Decatur, received the 2006 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award (TMQDA) at the opening business meeting of the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) convention in Orlando, attended by more than 25,000 individuals involved in the automobile industry; and

WHEREAS, The TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award is the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted award for car dealers; recipients of the award are among the nation's most successful auto dealers and must also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to effective community service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson is one of only 66 automobile dealers, from more than 19,500 nationwide, nominated for the 37th annual award sponsored by TIME Magazine in association with Goodyear and in cooperation with NADA; a panel of faculty members from the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration selects TMQDA finalists; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson traces his roots in the automobile industry to his grandfather, who persuaded Henry Ford to let him sell used Fords on consignment in Detroit in 1904, thus beginning the now four-generation family business; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his business successes, Mr. Dawson and his dealership have also supported a wide range of organizations and causes; he has served as a board member for the Decatur Family YMCA, Decatur Police Foundation, and Decatur Celebration, among other civic activities; he helped the YMCA to raise over \$10 million to build a new facility in the center of town; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson resides in Forsyth with his wife, Ann

- 1 Williams; the couple has four children; therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 3 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 4 we congratulate Pat Dawson on receiving the 2006 TIME Magazine
- 5 Quality Dealer Award; and be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 7 presented to Mr. Dawson as an expression of our esteem.