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## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Sam Balark, Director 4 of External Affairs for AT&T Communications Inc., as he begins 5 his duties as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the 6 Southland Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, In his position with AT&T, Sam Balark serves 70 communities in southern Cook County as well as the south and west sides of the City of Chicago; he provides leadership, expertise, and investment in the communities he serves; and he oversees policy decisions and resolves customer issues; and

WHEREAS, Sam Balark began his career with AT&T as a Business Sales Consultant in Lake County; Mr. Balark was one of the top 10 sales representatives because of his dedication and involvement in the community; he also worked for Automated Data Processing as an Account Executive in the imaging department of the Auto Services Division; he also has an extensive background in management and sales and service coordination in the steel industry; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his membership on the Southland Board, Mr. Balark serves on the Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce Board, the Maywood Chamber of Commerce Board of

- 1 Directors, the Bellwood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors,
- 2 the Community Memorial Foundation Board of Directors for the
- 3 Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, the Chatham
- 4 Business Association Board, and he is Past President of the
- 5 Countryside Rotary Club; he also serves on the advisory Board
- 6 of Metropolitan Family Services and South Star Services and is
- 7 a member of 100 Blackmen of Chicago; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Sam Balark attended the University of
- 9 Illinois-Chicago and South Suburban College; he lives in Willow
- 10 Springs and has a daughter, Kristin; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Sam Balark will be honored at the Southland
- 12 Chamber of Commerce dinner on January 25, 2007, where he will
- 13 be named the incoming Chairman of the Board; therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 15 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 16 congratulate Sam Balark on being named the Chairman of the
- 17 Board of the Southland Chamber of Commerce; and be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 19 presented to Sam Balark as a symbol of our respect.