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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate 17th Street Bar &
4 Grill owner Mike Mills on the occasion of his barbeque ribs
5 being named best in the nation by both the Food Network and
6 food and entertainment magazine Bon Appetit; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Mills is a champion pitmaster and is
8 affectionately known as "The Legend"; he was co-captain of the
9 Apple City Barbecue Team during the early 1990's; his team was
10 named World Champions four times and was the only three-time
11 Grand World Champion at the International Memphis in May Bar
12 B-Q Cook-Off; and he coauthored the book "Peace, Love and
13 Barbecue" with his daughter, Amy Mills Tunnicliffe; and

14 WHEREAS, Mike Mills has 17th Street Bar & Grill restaurants
15 in Murphysboro, Marion, O'Fallon and Sparta; he has four
16 Memphis Championship Barbecue restaurants in Las Vegas and is
17 the barbecue guru and partner at Blue Smoke Restaurant in New
18 York City; and

19 WHEREAS, Mike Mills' "top secret weapon" is Mills' Magic
20 Dust, a concoction of 18 different spices which gives his ribs
21 their special and widely loved flavor; and

1 WHEREAS, Mike Mills inherited his barbecue abilities from
2 his late father, Leon, and his mother, Mama Faye, who still
3 makes her original barbeque sauce recipe one gallon at a time;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Mills' legendary barbeque skills are highly
6 deserving of the prestigious designation of "best ribs in the
7 nation"; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate 17th Street Bar & Grill owner Mike Mills on the
11 occasion of his barbeque ribs being named best in the nation
12 and wish him continued success and happiness in his future
13 endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Mike Mills as a symbol of our esteem and respect.