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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Swedish Ambassador Jonas
4 Hafström, who was recently honored at a luncheon given by the
5 Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce and held at the Trump
6 Tower in Chicago; and

7 WHEREAS, Jonas Hafström was born in Stockholm; he earned a
8 LL.B. from Lund University in 1974; in 1975, he was elected
9 chairman of the Student Body at Lund University; and

10 WHEREAS, From 1976 to 1979, he served as a District Clerk
11 at the District Court in Nyköping, Sweden; in 1979, he was
12 employed at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in
13 Stockholm and from 1979 to 1981, he served as press secretary
14 to then Minister for Justice Håkan Winberg; from 1982 to 1984,
15 he was First Secretary at the Swedish embassy in Teheran, Iran,
16 and from 1984 to 1987, he was First Secretary at the Swedish
17 embassy in Washington, D.C.; and

18 WHEREAS, From 1987 to 1991, Ambassador Hafström served as
19 press secretary and foreign policy advisor to then chairman of
20 the Moderate Party, Carl Bildt; during Mr. Bildt's tenure as
21 Prime Minister of Sweden from 1991 to 1994, Mr. Hafström served
22 as an assistant Under-Secretary and foreign policy advisor to

1 him; from 1994 to 2000, Ambassador Hafström was head of the
2 International Bureau of the Moderate Party and foreign policy
3 advisor to Carl Bildt; from 1998 to 1999, he was a member of
4 the Swedish Defense Committee; from 2000 to 2004, he was Deputy
5 Director-General and head of the Department for Consular
6 Affairs and Civil Law at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign
7 Affairs; and

8 WHEREAS, From 2004 to 2007, he served as the Swedish
9 ambassador in Bangkok, Thailand; he received accolades for his
10 work during the tsunami disaster of December 2004; in January
11 of 2008 he was awarded H. M. The King's Medal (8th size) from
12 King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden for his efforts during the
13 tsunami disaster in South East Asia; since the autumn of 2007,
14 he has served as the Swedish ambassador in Washington, D.C.;
15 and since 1987, he has been a non-commissioned reserve captain
16 in the Swedish Army; and

17 WHEREAS, Ambassador Hafström and his wife, Eva Hafström,
18 have three children; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 honor Ambassador Hafström and offer him our best in his
22 continued work between our country and Sweden; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Ambassador Hafström as a symbol of our respect.