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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 of Illinois WHEREAS, The members the House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the residents of 4 the City of Colchester on the occasion of receiving a 2008 5 Governor's Home Town Award from the Illinois Department of 6 Commerce and Economic Opportunity; and

7 WHEREAS, The Governor's Home Town Awards are awarded by the 8 Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to 9 recognize hard-working and committed volunteers within the 10 State who greatly improve the communities in which they live; 11 the awards are presented in a number of categories, based on 12 community population; and

13 WHEREAS, Numerous volunteers in the City of Colchester 14 logged over three thousand miles to gather input from area residents to plan for the creation of a veterans monument; 15 forming the group Colchester Community Connections, 16 the 17 volunteers collected ideas and carefully formulated their plan; thanks to their concerted efforts, \$38,000 in funds were 18 19 raised along with \$2,600 worth of donated materials; in May of 20 2007, the Colchester Veterans Memorial was unveiled to serve as a fitting tribute to the men and women of Colchester who have 21 22 defended our nation; and

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WHEREAS, The residents of the City of Colchester serve as
models of generosity, dedication, and integrity for the people
of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we 6 congratulate the residents of the City of Colchester on the 7 occasion of receiving a 2008 Governor's Home Town Award and 8 wish them continued success and happiness in the future; and be 9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 11 presented to Joe Wetzel, Mayor of Colchester, as a symbol of 12 our esteem and respect.