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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Douglas E. Maxwell,
4 Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, for the many
5 years of dedicated service he has given to his community and
6 the Shriners organization; and

7 WHEREAS, While attending college at the University of
8 Kansas, Douglas E. Maxwell studied architectural engineering
9 and finance, receiving his degree in 1969; he earned his Master
10 of Business Administration degree from Southern Illinois
11 University in 1975; and

12 WHEREAS, In the early 1970s, Douglas E. Maxwell joined the
13 United States Air Force as a second lieutenant; while serving
14 in the Air Force, he flew the world routes of the Military
15 Airlift Command, including missions to Europe, South America,
16 Africa, Southeast Asia, and Vietnam; in recognition of his
17 distinguished service during the Vietnam War, he received both
18 Vietnamese Combat Service medals and the Air Force Commendation
19 Medal; after the conclusion of the Vietnam War in 1975, he was
20 discharged from the military as a captain; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1975, Douglas E. Maxwell and his father began a
22 manufacturing company, which builds checkout counter conveyors

1 and speed reducers; today, the Maxwell Manufacturing Company is
2 the third largest manufacturer of the conveyors in the United
3 States; and

4 WHEREAS, Douglas E. Maxwell is currently serving his 11th
5 term as a member of the Board of Directors of Shriners
6 International; during his tenure, he has served as chairman of
7 the International Development Committee, the Buildings and
8 Equipment Committee, and the Fleming-Florence Committee; he
9 has also served on the Investment Committee and the Planning
10 Committee; and

11 WHEREAS, Douglas E. Maxwell currently serves as the
12 Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Shriners Hospitals
13 for Children, a health care system of 22 hospitals in the
14 United States, Mexico, and Canada; and

15 WHEREAS, Douglas E. Maxwell is a Past Potentate of the
16 Moolah Shriners in St. Louis, Missouri; he is a 33rd Degree
17 member of the Scottish Rite, a Knight Templar in the York Rite,
18 and a member of the Beacon Masonic Lodge #3 and the
19 International Order of DeMolay Legion of Honor; he is also an
20 emeritus member of the St. Louis Shriners Hospital Board of
21 Governors, having served on the Applications Committee and the
22 Buildings and Equipment Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, Douglas E. Maxwell is a member of the Aircraft
2 Owners and Pilots Association and the Missouri Pilots
3 Association; he holds a commercial pilot's license and an
4 instructor's pilot's license; and

5 WHEREAS, Douglas E. Maxwell and his wife, Patricia, are
6 high school sweethearts and have been married for 39 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Douglas E. Maxwell serves as a model of hard work,
8 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
9 Illinois; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 honor Douglas E. Maxwell, Imperial Potentate of Shriners
13 International, for his many contributions to his community and
14 the Shriners organization and wish him continued success and
15 happiness in the future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Douglas E. Maxwell as a symbol of our esteem and
18 respect.