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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the owners of The
4 Swedish Bakery on the occasion of their 80th anniversary as
5 part of the Andersonville neighborhood and a proud part of
6 history on Chicago's north side; and

7 WHEREAS, The Swedish Bakery was originally opened to the
8 Andersonville community by the Johnson family in the 1920s; in
9 1940, the bakery was sold to Ernest Carlson; later, in 1964,
10 the bakery was purchased by Gosta Bjuhr, who hired Marlies
11 Stanton, The Swedish Bakery's current owner; and

12 WHEREAS, Marlies' passion for baking began at an early age
13 in her parents' pastry shop in Dusseldorf, Germany; after the
14 family business suffered untimely destruction during World War
15 II, Marlies trained to be a professional pastry chef while
16 still living in Europe; being among so many immigrants to the
17 United States after the war years, Marlies made her way to
18 Chicago in 1953, obtaining a job at the legendary Edgewater
19 Beach Hotel, where she met her husband-to-be, George Stanton;
20 after leaving the hotel, Marlies became a part of The Swedish
21 Bakery family; after eight years of working with Gosta Bjuhr,
22 and upon Gosta's retirement in 1979, Marlies Stanton purchased
23 The Swedish Bakery; and

1 WHEREAS, Between 1979 and 1991, Marlies' family members
2 came to work at the bakery, creating a true and genuine family
3 business; and

4 WHEREAS, The Swedish Bakery's expansion, which began in
5 1989, was finally completed in 1992; with the company's new
6 growth, almost tripling its size to over 6000 square feet, The
7 Swedish Bakery is one of the largest family-owned bakeries in
8 Chicago, with a staff that has grown from 19 employees to its
9 current staff of 55; and

10 WHEREAS, Even though the bakery has prospered and grown,
11 the Stanton family has kept the bakery true to its neighborhood
12 sweet shop roots; baked goods still consist of the traditional
13 Swedish products as well as other European and old-fashioned
14 American favorites; the Stantons only use the highest quality
15 ingredients to create the very finest bakery products;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate the owners of The Swedish Bakery on the company's
20 80th year of business serving the Andersonville and Chicago
21 communities and wish them continued success in the future; and
22 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the owners of The Swedish Bakery as a symbol of
3 our esteem and respect.