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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased that Frank Straus, a longtime and
4 distinguished member of the House Republican Caucus budget
5 staff for 25 years, reached the milestone of his fiftieth
6 birthday on Saturday, March 19, 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, Frank is known far and wide for his in-depth
8 knowledge of economics, fiscal policy, and the State budget;
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10 WHEREAS, While Frank is proud of his affiliation with the
11 Republican Party, he always conducts himself in a bipartisan
12 spirit and works diligently to help advance the best interests
13 of the State of Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Frank is a graduate of Harvard University with a
15 degree in Government; during his college years Frank was a
16 widely-read columnist in the Harvard Crimson newspaper; and

17 WHEREAS, Frank is also the co-author of "Walk a Crooked
18 Trail-A Centennial History of Wawashkamo Golf Club" a book
19 documenting the storied history of one of Michigan's oldest
20 active golf courses; and

1 WHEREAS, Frank actively documents Mackinac Island history
2 with his crowd-pleasing and oft times uproarious columns in the
3 Mackinac Island Town Crier-a weekly newspaper serving the
4 Mackinac Island community; and

5 WHEREAS, Frank is the son of Francis H. Straus and Lorna
6 Puttkammer Straus; the brother of Helen, Christopher, and
7 Michael; and the uncle of Ariana and Michael, the children of
8 his brother Michael and his wife, Melissa; and

9 WHEREAS, Frank has been a Sangamon County resident for many
10 years, but remains true to his roots in Hyde Park on the
11 southside of Chicago; no better testament to this fact exists
12 than that he is a stalwart and avid Chicago White Sox fan; and

13 WHEREAS, Frank has become a powerhouse in the Capital City
14 Fantasy Football League, winning the League Championship in
15 2007; and

16 WHEREAS, Frank is far more accustomed to writing
17 resolutions in honor of others than he is in having one written
18 of him; his talents, accomplishments and many years of
19 dedicated service to the people of Illinois more than make him
20 worthy of such recognition; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate Frank Straus on the significant and auspicious
3 occasion of his fiftieth birthday; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Frank Straus as a symbol of our respect and
6 esteem.