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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor former Decatur City
4 Council members Mayor Michael Carrigan, Councilman Shad
5 Edwards, Councilwoman Betsy Stockard, and Councilman Dan
6 Caulkins for their service to the people of Decatur; and

7 WHEREAS, Former Mayor of Decatur Michael Carrigan was first
8 elected to the Decatur City Council in 1995; during his fourth
9 term on the City Council he was appointed as Mayor to fill an
10 unexpired term; he has served on the Decatur-Macon County
11 Economic Development Foundation, the Decatur Celebration
12 Board, the Macon County Merit Committee, the Decatur-Macon
13 County United Way Executive Board, and is a former trustee of
14 the NECA-IBEW Health and Welfare Trust Fund and the NECA-IBEW
15 Pension Trust Fund; and

16 WHEREAS, Former Councilman Shad Edwards is a community
17 policing Sergeant with the Illinois State Police; he began
18 serving on the Decatur City Council in 2005 and served until
19 2009; he was a past President of the Coalition of Neighborhood
20 Organizations; he is a member of Keep Decatur/Macon County
21 Beautiful, Operation Sparkle and Shine, the Decatur Snow Ski
22 Club, the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, the Adopt-A-Street
23 Program, the Turning Point Environmental Committee, and many

1 other organizations; and

2 WHEREAS, Former Councilwoman Betsy Stockard served on the
3 City Council beginning in 1997; she initiated the "Stop the
4 Violence" marches in Decatur in April of 1994, which continued
5 until April of 1995; she also began the Central Illinois
6 violence-gang prevention agency, "The Youth Empowerment
7 Agency"; she is a board member of the Women in Municipal
8 Government and a member of the Crime and Public Safety
9 Committee for National League of Cities; and

10 WHEREAS, Former Councilman Dan Caulkins served his term on
11 the Decatur City Council from May of 2005 to April of 2009; he
12 is involved with United Cerebral Palsy, the Decatur Area Arts
13 Council, Pathways to Independence, Prairieland ABATE, American
14 Legion Post 105, the Illinois Raptor Center, and the Macon
15 County Historical Society; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 honor former Decatur City Council members Mayor Michael
19 Carrigan, Councilman Shad Edwards, Councilwoman Betsy
20 Stockard, and Councilman Dan Caulkins and wish them well in
21 their future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to former Mayor Michael Carrigan, Councilman Shad
2 Edwards, Councilwoman Betsy Stockard, and Councilman Dan
3 Caulkins as symbols of our respect.