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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Chef Paul Virant, owner of Vie in Western Springs, on his recent appearance as a competitor on Iron Chef America; and

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WHEREAS, Chef Virant was introduced by the Chairman, who mentioned that Chef Virant was from Missouri, where his grandmothers took him to the local smokehouse and farmers market; he was also taught how to preserve fruit and pickle vegetables; he went to the Culinary Institute of America and worked in New York City before opening Vie in Western Springs; and

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WHEREAS, The Iron Chefs were introduced and Masaharu Morimoto was selected to compete against Chef Virant; pheasant was presented as the secret ingredient and the battle began; and

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WHEREAS, Iron Chef Morimoto presented his dishes to the judges first; he won praise from the judges for his pheasant rice with grilled pheasant breast; and

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WHEREAS, Chef Virant presented his dishes to the judges and was praised for crispy gnocchi with braised pheasant; he also

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1 won points for his Scotch egg; and

2 WHEREAS, The final results showed that Iron Chef Morimoto
3 won by only one point; Chef Virant made a valiant effort and,
4 in the end, showed the world the high quality of food that can
5 come from the Chicago suburbs and their fine restaurants;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 congratulate Chef Paul Virant and hope for a rematch someday to
10 prove his worth against the Iron Chefs; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented Chef Paul Virant as a symbol of our respect and
13 esteem.