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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Morris (Morrie) Svendsen,
4 a founding member of the Northern Illinois Painting and Drywall
5 Institute, for his hard work, dedication, and years of service;
6 he was a NIPDI Trustee from December 1978 to December 1991; and

7 WHEREAS, The Northern Illinois Painting and Drywall
8 Institute (NIPDI) was officially formed on December 21, 1978;
9 the first three NIPDI Trustees were Larry Nedrow, Anthony
10 Pintozzi, Sr., and Morris Svendsen; NIPDI was created by the
11 Northeast Illinois Chapter Painting and Decorating Contractors
12 of America in agreement with Painters District Council No. 30;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Svendsen Brothers Decorators was started in 1926
15 in Elgin by Marius Svendsen, Morrie's father; he and his
16 younger brother, Philip, started working summers in their Dad's
17 business when they were teenagers; and

18 WHEREAS, Morrie graduated from high school, went to college
19 for one year at Northern Illinois University, then was drafted
20 into the Army and spent time in Japan during the Korean War; he
21 returned home from service in 1953 and started getting involved
22 in the management of the family business; his brother, Philip,

1 also returned to the business after his time in the Navy; and

2 WHEREAS, The two brothers gradually took over the
3 responsibilities for directing the business, and, after more
4 than 50 years in the painting business, Morrie retired in 2002
5 and closed the business; and

6 WHEREAS, During the years of Morrie's leadership, Svendsen
7 Brothers Decorators grew into one of the prominent painting
8 companies of Northern Illinois; Morrie assumed the role of
9 Secretary-Treasurer for the Northern Illinois Painting and
10 Drywall Institute, and spent countless hours handling all of
11 the clerical and financial responsibilities of the
12 organization; he remained on the Board of Trustees until 1991;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 honor Morris Svendsen for his years of service and dedication
17 to his craft, and wish him all the best for the future; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Morris Svendsen, as a symbol of our respect and
21 esteem.