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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate H. Dennis Smith on  
4 the occasion of being nominated for the WSPN Non-Profit  
5 Executive of the Year award by the Northern Illinois Food Bank;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, The West Suburban Philanthropic Network (WSPN) is  
8 a 21-year-old organization dedicated to supporting development  
9 professionals and advancing philanthropy in the western  
10 suburbs of Chicago; the Non-Profit Executive of the Year award  
11 is given by WSPN to a senior-level not-for-profit executive who  
12 has demonstrated exceptional leadership in advancing the  
13 mission and services of his or her organization for the benefit  
14 of residents in the western suburbs; and

15           WHEREAS, H. Dennis Smith attended the University of South  
16 Carolina, where he majored in journalism; he then switched to  
17 the Charles Morris Price School of Advertising in Philadelphia,  
18 Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1964; and

19           WHEREAS, H. Dennis Smith joined the Northern Illinois Food  
20 Bank in August of 1998, following his retirement as Director of  
21 Corporate Communications for Van den Bergh/Lipton Foods; and

1           WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Northern Illinois Food  
2 Bank, H. Dennis Smith has guided the organization to new  
3 heights of success through his incredible vision, hard work,  
4 and discipline; the food bank has increased the amount of food  
5 it distributes from 7 million to 29 million pounds in 2009; the  
6 food bank has also increased its partner agencies from 210 to  
7 547 and expanded its revenue from \$1 million to \$6 million; in  
8 addition, NIFB now operates 2 branch locations in Park City and  
9 Rockford and has strong ties to numerous county government  
10 officials and community organizations throughout DuPage  
11 County; and

12           WHEREAS, Under H. Dennis Smith's guidance, the Northern  
13 Illinois Food Bank has received a Charity Navigator 4-Star  
14 Rating for 6 consecutive years and has been the recipient of  
15 numerous awards, including the Innovative Advocacy Program of  
16 the Year award, the Food Sourcing Program of the Year award,  
17 and Group Volunteer of the Year award, and the Congressional  
18 Hunger Award; and

19           WHEREAS, H. Dennis Smith is the past president of the  
20 Illinois Food Bank Association; he is the chair of Feeding  
21 America's National Hunger Action Committee; he is also a member  
22 of the Illinois Commission on Poverty; and

23           WHEREAS, H. Dennis Smith and his loving wife, Joy, live in

1 Geneva; and

2 WHEREAS, H. Dennis Smith serves as a model of hard work,  
3 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
4 Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 congratulate H. Dennis Smith on the occasion of his nomination  
8 for the WSPN Non-Profit Executive of the Year award and wish  
9 him continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to H. Dennis Smith as a symbol of our esteem and  
13 respect.