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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 50th Anniversary of the development  
3 of Contemporary Art Glass in the United States, and to  
4 celebrate the milestone and recognize the many talented  
5 artists, including many in Illinois, more than 500 glass  
6 demonstrations, lectures, and exhibitions will take place in  
7 museums, galleries, art centers, universities, art  
8 organizations, festivals, and other venues across the United  
9 States; and

10           WHEREAS, The Midwest Contemporary Glass Art Group (MCGAG)  
11 is an Illinois non-profit organization with over 200 members  
12 primarily in Illinois whose mission is to educate the public  
13 concerning the development and appreciation of Contemporary  
14 Glass Art in the Midwest; and

15           WHEREAS, The Art Alliance of Contemporary Glass (AACG) is a  
16 national non-profit organization with members primarily from  
17 the United States, whose mission is to educate the public and  
18 to provide grants to further the development and appreciation  
19 of art made from glass (Contemporary Glass Art); and

20           WHEREAS, AACG and MCGAG inform and educate the public,  
21 including collectors, critics, and art curators and provide  
22 financial support with grants to University Glass Programs,

1 Museums, Art Center Glass Exhibitions, and other public glass  
2 programs for Contemporary Glass Art; and

3 WHEREAS, There are glass art education programs at Illinois  
4 State University and Southern Illinois University whose  
5 students are participating in the recognition of the 50th  
6 Anniversary; and

7 WHEREAS, The Art Institute of Chicago, the Krannert Art  
8 Museum in Urbana-Champaign, the Rockford Art Museum, and other  
9 art venues in Illinois are having exhibitions in 2012 in  
10 recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the development of  
11 Contemporary Glass Art in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, The 50th Anniversary of the development of  
13 Contemporary Glass Art in the United States is also being  
14 specifically celebrated and recognized on November 3rd, 2012 by  
15 over 300 glass collectors, glass artists, curators, and art  
16 gallery owners at an event sponsored by AACG on the Spirit of  
17 Chicago in connection with the Sculpture Objects & Functional  
18 Art International Art Show (SOFA), one of the World's Foremost  
19 Fairs of Art and Design Events at the Navy Pier in Chicago from  
20 November 1st through the 4th 2012; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we recognize the 50th Anniversary of the development of  
2 Contemporary Glass Art in the United States; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we applaud and honor the accomplishments of  
4 the MCGAG and AACG as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary in  
5 Illinois and the United States and proclaim the year of 2012 as  
6 Contemporary Glass Art Awareness Year in Illinois; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That we encourage Illinois educators to provide  
9 educational programs for their students about Contemporary  
10 Glass Art and to arrange for students to attend exhibitions and  
11 otherwise participate in the various events and exhibitions  
12 recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Contemporary Glass Art in  
13 the State of Illinois; we also encourage all Illinois citizens  
14 to attend events and exhibitions in Illinois recognizing the  
15 50th Anniversary of Contemporary Glass Art; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 delivered to the Governor, as well as members of the Art  
18 Alliance of Contemporary Glass and Midwest Contemporary Glass  
19 Art Group, at the special celebration of the 50th Anniversary  
20 of Contemporary Glass Art in the United States on the Spirit of  
21 Chicago on November 3, 2012 during the SOFA Event at Navy Pier  
22 in Chicago, as a symbol of our respect and esteem for those  
23 organizations and their memberships.