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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to commend and thank Dale and Rita Colee for their support of the Wounded Warrior Project; and

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WHEREAS, The Wounded Warrior Project seeks to honor and empower wounded service members by offering unique, direct programs and services to meet the many needs of those service members that are injured in the course of their duties; and

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WHEREAS, Dale and Rita Colee opened their pharmacy, "Dale's Southlake Pharmacy" in Decatur, in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Colee and his daughter, Ericka, first heard of the Wounded Warrior Project at a convention they were attending in the summer of 2011; upon their return, they decided to become more involved in this cause; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois State Representative Ron Stephens, an employee of the pharmacy, pledged to walk from Dale's Southlake Pharmacy to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Springfield to raise funds and awareness for the project; he also obtained pledges of \$100 for every mile walked; and

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WHEREAS, On Memorial Day 2012, Representative Stephens

1 completed the 42-mile walk; together with Dale's Southlake  
2 Pharmacy, Illinois State Representative Jim Sacia, and  
3 Cardinal Distributers, over \$13,000 was raised for the Wounded  
4 Warrior Project; and

5 WHEREAS, A check will be presented to the Wounded Warrior  
6 Project on July 10, 2012, at the Decatur Club in Decatur; Cindy  
7 Jo Parsons, mother of Sergeant Shane Parsons, a wounded soldier  
8 and benefactor of the project, will also be in attendance; and

9 WHEREAS, Dale and Rita Colee, as well as all who lend their  
10 support to the Wounded Warrior Project, serve as models of hard  
11 work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
12 Illinois; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we commend and thank Dale and Rita Colee for their support of  
16 the Wounded Warrior Project and wish them continued success and  
17 happiness in the future; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Dale and Rita Colee as a symbol of our esteem and  
20 respect.