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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Gary L. Clayton on his 25  
4 years of dedicated service as the chief executive officer of  
5 the Illinois Association of Realtor; and

6           WHEREAS, Gary L. Clayton is a native of Poplar Bluff,  
7 Missouri; he was born on December 8, 1948; his parents are  
8 Howard (deceased) and Juanita Clayton; and

9           WHEREAS, Gary L. Clayton received his elementary and high  
10 school education in Poplar Bluff; he has an undergraduate  
11 degree in political science from Southeast Missouri State  
12 University and a master's degree in social justice  
13 administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Gary L. Clayton serves on the National Association  
16 of Realtors (NAR) board of directors and is the association  
17 executive appointed to the NAR Executive Committee; he is vice  
18 chair of the Realtors Property Resource Advisory Board and past  
19 chair of the NAR Association Executives Committee; and

20           WHEREAS, In 2011, Gary L. Clayton was awarded the  
21 prestigious national William R. Magel Award of Excellence,

1 which honors an individual who has truly excelled in his or her  
2 role as an association executive of a local or state Realtors  
3 association; and

4 WHEREAS, Gary L. Clayton holds the Certified Association  
5 Executive (CAE) designation from ASAE & The Center for  
6 Association Leadership as well as the Realtor Association  
7 Certified Executive (RCE) designation from the National  
8 Association of Realtors; and

9 WHEREAS, Before coming to IAR, Gary L. Clayton served for 8  
10 years as director of the Illinois Department of Registration  
11 and Education; prior to that, he was deputy director of the  
12 Illinois Department of Law Enforcement's Internal  
13 Investigation Division and a postal inspector for the U.S.  
14 Postal Service in Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, Through Gary L. Clayton's vision, leadership, and  
16 hard work, the Illinois Association of Realtors is one of the  
17 most highly respected organizations at the State capitol and is  
18 a trusted and consistent voice at the capitol on issues  
19 relating to property ownership, the real estate industry, and  
20 private property rights; and

21 WHEREAS, Gary L. Clayton has been married to his loving  
22 wife, Marcia, for 34 years and they are the proud parents of

1 Skip (wife Laurie), Bill (wife Sarah), Mark, and Jim and  
2 grandparents to Carly and Halle; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we honor Gary L. Clayton for his stellar work as chief  
6 executive officer of the Illinois Association of Realtors and  
7 wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and be  
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Gary L. Clayton as a symbol of our esteem and  
11 respect.