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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Robert A. "Bob"
4 Clifford on being named "Person of the Year 2012" by Chicago
5 Lawyer magazine; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Clifford is the founder of Clifford Law
7 Offices, a Chicago-based firm serving clients with complex
8 personal injury, aviation, whistleblower, and commercial legal
9 needs; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Clifford is the 2012 president of the Chicago
11 Bar Association; he is past president of the Illinois Trial
12 Lawyers Association and of the Chicago Inn of Court; he was the
13 chair of the Section on Litigation for the American Bar
14 Association (2001-2002), and is a member of the American
15 College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial
16 Lawyer, the National Judicial College, the American Judicature
17 Society (Illinois Committee For Judicial Independence) and the
18 Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Civility; and

19 WHEREAS, During his legal career, Bob Clifford represented
20 property damage claims related to the 9/11 terrorist attacks,
21 championed the legal doctrine of "apparent agency" allowing
22 plaintiffs to sue hospitals that contracted (non-employee)

1 physicians to perform surgeries, and represented virtuoso
2 violinist Rachel Barton against METRA; and

3 WHEREAS, Bob Clifford has a history of philanthropy; he
4 endows the Robert A. Clifford Chair on Tort Law and Social
5 Policy and the Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy
6 at DePaul University College of Law; he is a trustee of the
7 Naples Children and Education Foundation (NCEF) and chaired
8 their Winter Wine Festival in 2012, raising more than \$12
9 million for needy children; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Clifford was born in Chicago and grew up in a
11 south side neighborhood called "Mudville", so called because it
12 was the last neighborhood in the city to get paved streets; he
13 was the first in his family to go to college, graduating from
14 DePaul University with a bachelor of arts in 1973 and a juris
15 doctorate in 1976; he has been married to Joan for 39 years and
16 they have 2 daughters, Erin and Tracy; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we recognize and honor Bob Clifford on being named "Person of
20 the Year 2012" by Chicago Lawyer magazine; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Bob Clifford as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.