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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Robert Lyons has selflessly served on the  
3 Schaumburg Township District Library Board of Trustees since  
4 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Lyons served as library board president 11  
6 times, held the title of treasurer and secretary during  
7 multiple terms, and served as North Suburban Library System  
8 Board President 3 times; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Lyons was instrumental in helping keep a  
10 balanced budget and by responsibly using public funds, created  
11 safe, comfortable, and aesthetically pleasing buildings; and

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WHEREAS, His input led to the development of a diverse,  
13 all-inclusive collection of materials and offering of services  
14 to all segments of the community; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Lyons helped oversee the renovation of the  
16 Central Library in 1972 and 1987, the opening of the Hoffman  
17 Estates Branch in 1976 and Hanover Park Branch in 1993,  
18 construction of a new Central Library in 1998, a new Hoffman  
19 Estates Branch in 2002, and a new Hanover Park Branch in 2006;  
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1           WHEREAS, With each new building, Robert Lyons helped  
2 facilitate the inclusion of state-of-the-art technology, as  
3 well as accessible facilities and adaptive equipment for the  
4 benefit of all segments of the community; and

5           WHEREAS, His devotion to the Schaumburg Township District  
6 Library led him to be named North Suburban Library System  
7 Library Advocate in 1999, Illinois Library Association Trustee  
8 of the Year in 2002, and American Library Association Trustee  
9 of the Year in 2005; and

10           WHEREAS, Robert Lyons used his expertise as an educator to  
11 develop goals designed to encourage lifelong learning and  
12 improve literacy for all ages; and

13           WHEREAS, Robert Lyons invited and valued the opinions of  
14 community residents and staff alike; and

15           WHEREAS, His regular attendance at library functions  
16 exemplified his affection for the community; 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 the many accomplishments of Robert Lyons and  
20 notable efforts toward making the Schaumburg Township District  
21 Library a valued community treasure; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Robert Lyons as an expression of our esteem and  
3 respect.