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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor Growth Dimensions for their hard
4 work and dedication in attracting business and economic
5 development in the City of Belvidere and Boone County; and

6 WHEREAS, Growth Dimensions was activated in 1982 as a
7 public-private corporation for economic development after
8 being incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation; the
9 organization was organized in 1979 by the City of Belvidere,
10 Boone County, and the local Chamber of Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, Growth Dimensions coordinates and manages
12 the strategic initiative projects identified in the
13 Belvidere-Boone County Economic Development Strategic Plan,
14 including business retention, expansion and attraction
15 programs, the new AgTech Initiative, the Kishwaukee Riverfront
16 Development, and the Transportation Initiative Project; and

17 WHEREAS, The organization works to market the area
18 effectively to potential investors, advocates cooperative
19 efforts to address common concerns of the communities in the
20 region, and maintains close contact with State, city, village,
21 and county officials and development staff regarding
22 development codes, standards, and incentives; and

1 WHEREAS, Growth Dimensions has been a strong partner
2 working with major companies such as Chrysler, which announced
3 in 2012 that it will add 1,800 jobs at its Belvidere Assembly
4 Plant, and Acument Global Technologies; and

5 WHEREAS, Growth Dimensions has also partnered with up and
6 coming mid-size companies that continue to create jobs in the
7 Boone County region, such as Wema Vogtland, a specialist
8 company for retooling and overhauling of machine tools
9 primarily for the automotive industry, and Pierce Distribution
10 Services; and

11 WHEREAS, Growth Dimensions is ably led by Executive
12 Director Kelly Galluzzo, Economic Development Manager Tammy
13 English, and the organization's Board of Directors, including
14 President Richard Van Evera, Vice President Kent Kniep,
15 Treasurer Gregory Brown, and the area business leaders who sit
16 on the Board; and

17 WHEREAS, Growth Dimensions serves as a model of hard work,
18 integrity, and dedication in retaining and attracting jobs and
19 improving economic development in the State of Illinois;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we honor the staff and board of directors of Growth Dimensions
3 for their work in attracting economic development to the City
4 of Belvidere and the Boone County region and ultimately helping
5 the people of the State of Illinois; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Growth Dimensions as a symbol of our esteem and
8 respect.