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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that distinguished
3 lobbyist Richard "Dick" Lockhart has recently celebrated his
4 90th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart was born in Lima, Ohio on January
6 20, 1924; and

7 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart enlisted in the United States
8 Army in 1943; during his time in the service he was held as a
9 prisoner of war in 1945, and as a result of his bravery and
10 selflessness, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat
11 Infantryman Badge; he was honorably discharged from service on
12 December 12, 1945; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart returned to Chicago and
14 continued his education at Northwestern University Evening
15 School in 1946; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart married Dorothy Phelps in 1948
17 and together they raised 2 children, Lisa and David; and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart pursued a career focused on
19 politics, forming a lobbying and consulting firm, Social
20 Engineering Associates in 1958; he published a nonpartisan

1 newsletter, "The Illinois Political Reporter" beginning in
2 1961 until 1986; and

3 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart was named as one of the "10 Best
4 Lobbyists in Illinois" by the Chicago Sun-Times; he served as a
5 special consultant to the President of the Constitutional
6 Convention in 1970, as speaker of the Illinois Third House in
7 1981, and in 2004, he was the recipient of the Illinois Third
8 House Lifetime Achievement Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart has authored numerous works,
10 including a 10,000 word article on Illinois for the
11 Encyclopedia Britannica, "The Legislative Process and the
12 Pursuit of Virtue", "Words Wise and Otherwise", and "Lockhart
13 Logic", as well as compiling a World War II memoire in which he
14 eagerly shares his vast knowledge with friends and strangers
15 alike; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart has, throughout his lifetime,
17 given generously to support the United States Holocaust
18 Memorial Museum, the Illinois State Library, and the Allen
19 County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and

20 WHEREAS, Upon entering his 90th year of life, Richard
21 Lockhart continues to serve his clients in a dedicated and
22 professional manner as an esteemed advocate in front of the

1 Illinois General Assembly; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we hereby extend our best wishes to Richard "Dick" Lockhart on
5 the occasion of his 90th birthday and commend him for his years
6 of dedication to the people of the State of Illinois; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Richard Lockhart as an expression of our esteem
10 and respect.