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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Dick Read for his
4 contributions to the community and congratulate him on his
5 induction into the Vermilion Advantage Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Dick Read's modesty will only allow him to say he
7 sells cars, but he and his family have been an integral part of
8 the Hoopeston community for as long as most can remember; his
9 father, W.A. Read, owned a grocery distributor business that
10 supplied over 17 small mom & pop stores in a 30-mile radius in
11 the 1950s; W.A. Read eventually got out of the grocery supply
12 business and started Read's Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, and
13 Chevrolet dealership in 1956; 58-years later a Read family
14 member is still selling cars in Hoopeston, with Dick now owning
15 Star Chrysler and Crown Ford; and

16 WHEREAS, Dick Read's interest in cars extends beyond just
17 selling them; in the 1960s he built his own hot-rod show car,
18 and he enjoys open-wheel racing, taking part in events across
19 the country from coast-to-coast; and

20 WHEREAS, Dick Read has always been a promoter for
21 Hoopeston; he sponsors community activities from grilling hot
22 dogs to raise money for a cause to sponsoring the town

1 fireworks; he formed a group of business people to volunteer
2 their time, meeting weekly to brainstorm ideas to turn things
3 around for Hoopeston; he has been at the forefront of the
4 recent growth of the Hoopeston healthcare business and its
5 hospital; he jumpstarted the conversation regarding a new
6 McDonald's at Routes 1 & 9 after it hit numerous roadblocks,
7 and he was integral in raising funds for the renovation of a
8 former medical building that now houses the new Danville Area
9 Community College campus in Hoopeston; and

10 WHEREAS, Anyone who knows Dick Read will tell you that no
11 one loves Hoopeston and the people of the community more so
12 than he does, and he is the one who can find a way to say "yes"
13 when others are saying "no"; and

14 WHEREAS, Dick Read will be inducted into the Vermilion
15 Advantage Hall of Fame on March 16, 2014; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we recognize Dick Read for his contributions to the community
19 and congratulate him on his induction into the Vermilion
20 Advantage Hall of Fame; and be it further

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

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1 respect.