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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

6           WHEREAS, Julius Hegeler II graduated from Millikin  
7 University in 1950 with a degree in Business Administration; he  
8 served his country in the United States Air Force as a jet  
9 fighter pilot during the Korean War, flying 70 missions without  
10 ever getting a scratch; he was awarded the Distinguished Flying  
11 Cross, an Air Medal, and an Oak Leaf Cluster; and

12           WHEREAS, Following the war, Julius Hegeler II returned, and  
13 along with his 3 brothers, started Peterson Filing and  
14 Packaging, later known as Peterson/Puritan, and it became the  
15 world's largest contract packager of chemical specialties; and

16           WHEREAS, Julius Hegeler II decided a long time ago to  
17 return the good fortune he has received by giving back to his  
18 community; he gives to his alma maters, Millikin University and  
19 Culver Academy, but his heart is with the people of Danville  
20 and Vermilion County; he is always searching for projects to  
21 help the community; he has served numerous terms on the  
22 Danville Area Community College Foundation Board and he is a

1 major donor for Presence United Samaritans Medical Center, its  
2 foundation and outreach programs, and he was the original donor  
3 who made the popular Polar Express event at the Festival of  
4 Trees possible; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1992, the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation was  
6 started to focus on organizations that are philanthropic,  
7 research-oriented, and educational in nature; the Foundation  
8 has given millions of dollars to help Vermilion County; it has  
9 helped build 3 Ambucs Playgrounds for Everyone, given to  
10 Presence United Samaritans Medical Center to fund Cancer Center  
11 renovations and create a Women's Healthcare Center, donated  
12 money to ensure the Danville District 118 Foundation can  
13 support students and teachers into the future through special  
14 projects, and has given generously to help the Danville Area  
15 Community College reach new heights in campus renovations,  
16 including a marble bench dedicated to long time liberal arts  
17 instructor Mary Coffman, the Garden Gateway entrance to the  
18 college, the new greenhouse, and the new Technology Center,  
19 which was named after Julius; and

20 WHEREAS, Julius Hegeler II has supported the Danville  
21 Symphony, the United Way, the Vermilion County War Museum, and  
22 many other organizations across Vermilion County, and he has  
23 opened his Vermilion Street mansion to welcome home Vermilion  
24 County stars to raise funds for the Fisher Theater renovation,

1 and to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association; he  
2 has touched thousands of lives and most people will never know  
3 as he does not do it for the recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Julius Hegeler II will be inducted into the  
5 Vermilion Advantage Hall of Fame on March 16, 2014; therefore,  
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we recognize Julius W. Hegeler II for his contributions to the  
10 community and congratulate him on his induction into the  
11 Vermilion Advantage Hall of Fame; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Julius Hegeler II as an expression of our esteem  
14 and respect.