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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize John Maloof on his
4 achievements in historic preservation and for his commitment to
5 working on behalf of the artistic legacy of Vivian Maier; and

6 WHEREAS, John Maloof is an author and street photographer
7 involved in the historic preservation of Chicago's Northwest
8 Side; he is the former President of the Jefferson Park
9 Historical Society; and

10 WHEREAS, John Maloof first discovered the negatives of
11 Vivian Maier's work in 2007 while compiling a book with Daniel
12 Pogorzelski about the history of the Portage Park neighborhood
13 where he lives; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the course of a year, John Maloof saved
15 approximately 90% of Vivian Maier's work, accumulating a
16 collection of 100,000 to 150,000 negatives, which included more
17 than 3,000 prints, hundreds of rolls of film, home movies,
18 audio tape interviews, and various other items; and

19 WHEREAS, John Maloof, in conjunction with Anthony Rydzon,
20 researched the history of Vivian Maier; he made it his mission
21 to promote her work and to safeguard the archive for the

1 benefit of future generations; and

2 WHEREAS, John Maloof has now published several books
3 highlighting Vivian Maier's photographic prowess; and

4 WHEREAS, John Maloof, along with Charlie Siskel and Jeff
5 Garlin, has devoted several years to producing an award-winning
6 documentary film about Vivian Maier; and

7 WHEREAS, John Maloof has helped provide opportunities and
8 resources for female students at the School of the Art
9 Institute of Chicago in memory of Vivian Maier through the
10 endowed Vivian Maier Scholarship Fund - a need-based
11 scholarship made possible by donations from John Maloof,
12 Charlie Siskel, and art gallerist Howard Greenberg; therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we recognize John Maloof on his achievements in historic
17 preservation and for his commitment to working on behalf of the
18 artistic legacy of Vivian Maier; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to John Maloof as an expression of our esteem and
21 respect.