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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Pat Schmeder of Smithton
4 on being recognized among the "ELITE" (Extraordinary Leaders
5 Impacting Today's Environment) by the Center for Racial
6 Harmony; and

7 WHEREAS, The Center for Racial Harmony is a not-for-profit
8 organization that aims to increase understanding, cooperation,
9 and communication among all races and ethnic groups; and

10 WHEREAS, Pat Schmeder serves as a volunteer with Heartlinks
11 Grief Center at Family Hospice in Belleville, where she helped
12 create grief groups and outreach programs for community youth;
13 together with Director Diana Cuddeback and other volunteers,
14 she grew Heartlinks Grief Center from serving a few children
15 and families per year to serving over 1,000 local youth yearly;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Pat Schmeder's teen group has been affectionately
18 dubbed the "Brat Pack"; and

19 WHEREAS, Along with her work at the Heartlinks Grief
20 Center, Pat Schmeder's community service also includes serving
21 for 15 years on the advisory board for RSVP, a group serving

1 local older adults, and volunteering at the Labor and Industry
2 Museum in Belleville, where she educates school tour groups on
3 Metro East history; and

4 WHEREAS, Pat Schmeder was presented with her award at a
5 banquet at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in
6 Belleville on October 19, 2014; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Pat Schmeder on being recognized among the
10 "ELITE" (Extraordinary Leaders Impacting Today's Environment);
11 and be it further

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