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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate ALDI, Inc. on being 4 selected as the 2015 "Retailer of the Year" by the Illinois 5 Retail Merchants Association; and

WHEREAS, ALDI, Inc. is the nation's low-price grocery leader; it operates more than 1,400 stores in 32 states, including almost 200 stores in Illinois; customers can expect to find more than 1,300 of the most commonly purchased items sold under ALDI exclusive brands for prices up to 50% less than traditional supermarkets; and

WHEREAS, ALDI, Inc. exemplifies efficiency by eliminating overhead costs through smart practices, such as a cart rental system, through which shoppers insert a quarter to release a cart and then receive the quarter back upon the carts's return; other cost-saving practices include a smaller store footprint, open carton displays, and the encouragement of customers to bring their own shopping bags; ALDI, Inc. also saves shoppers money by keeping its stores open during prime shopping times; and

WHEREAS, ALDI, Inc. will be honored during IRMA's annual Retailer of the Year Luncheon in Chicago on October 1, 2015 at

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- 1 the Palmer House in Chicago; therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 4 congratulate ALDI, Inc. on being selected as the 2015 "Retailer
- of the Year" by the Illinois Retail Merchants Association and
- 6 we wish them many more successful years; and be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 8 presented to ALDI, Inc. as an expression of our esteem and
- 9 respect.