

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The tragic events of the September 11, 2001,  
3 terrorist attacks in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania  
4 saddened Illinois and the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Many of the sons and daughters of Illinois lost  
6 their lives due to these brutal actions, most particularly  
7 the 176 men and women of one of Illinois' most outstanding  
8 businesses, Aon Corporation, the third largest loss of life  
9 of any company housed in the New York World Trade Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Aon Corporation is the second largest insurance  
11 broker in the nation, employing 51,000 worldwide in 550  
12 offices in more than 120 countries with its world  
13 headquarters in Chicago's Aon Center on East Randolph Street,  
14 and serving as one of Illinois' most generous and supportive  
15 corporate citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, Aon's leadership in Chairman and CEO Patrick G.  
17 Ryan and President and COO Michael D. O'Halleran, have led  
18 the company's rise as a world leader in risk management,  
19 insurance underwriting, reinsurance, and human capital  
20 consulting; and

21 WHEREAS, Both Patrick G. Ryan and Michael D. O'Halleran  
22 employed the same proactive commitment in the healing and  
23 rebuilding of Aon's World Trade Center-based business,  
24 resuming normal business operations within 24 hours of the  
25 terrorist attacks, using an amazing combination of personal  
26 leadership, skill and strategic data re-routing; and

27 WHEREAS, Aon and its leadership committed an  
28 extraordinary amount of resources, energy and time to  
29 personally assisting the 176 Aon families directly impacted  
30 by the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack at Aon's World  
31 Trade Center office, as well as other employees and families

1 affected, setting up trust funds, counseling and other  
2 critical and compassionate services; and

3 WHEREAS, Our state and nation grieve the loss of life of  
4 all the victims of terrorism and recommit ourselves to the  
5 strong and traditional American values of excellence,  
6 understanding, ingenuity and compassion; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we, first and foremost, extend our deepest sympathy to the  
10 entire Aon family for the loss of its valued family members  
11 and colleagues; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the members of the Illinois House of  
13 Representatives deeply appreciates the leadership, commitment  
14 and generosity in times of both great success and sorrow of  
15 Aon Corporation Chairman and CEO Patrick G. Ryan and  
16 President and COO Michael D. O'Halleran; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the Aon Corporation, Patrick G. Ryan and Michael  
19 D. O'Halleran as a lasting symbol of our appreciation,  
20 support and sympathy for their outstanding leadership for the  
21 United States, Illinois and the insurance industry.