

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Founded in 1835, the City of Elgin is located 38
3 miles northwest of Chicago; it is the 8th largest city in the
4 State of Illinois and the 8th fastest growing city, with a
5 population of 94,487; and

6 WHEREAS, The City of Elgin has a very diverse population
7 with 35 percent being Hispanic and the largest Laotian
8 population in the State; and

9 WHEREAS, The City of Elgin is the original home of the
10 Borden Milk Company, the first city in the United States to
11 produce condensed milk; it was also the former home of the
12 Elgin National Watch Company, which was one of the largest
13 producers of watches in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Elgin has been declared the "City of Churches"
15 for the number of established churches; the City is home to
16 more than 100 churches, synagogues, and temples; and

17 WHEREAS, Now its 51st anniversary year, the Elgin
18 Symphony Orchestra was awarded "Orchestra of the Year" in
19 1999 by the Illinois Council of Orchestras; other events
20 taking place in Elgin include Shakespeare in the Park, Fiesta
21 Salsa, and the International Olympic qualifying Four Bridges
22 of Elgin Bike Race; the City of Elgin is also home to the new
23 \$29 million recreation center slated to open in 2002, the
24 largest municipally owned facility in the State of Illinois
25 and the Midwest; and

26 WHEREAS, The City of Elgin is home to the nation's most
27 successful River Boat; the River Boat Foundation has donated
28 \$35 million to programs benefitting the entire Chicagoland
29 area; in addition, the Riverfront Center City Master Plan was
30 named by the Illinois Chapter of American Planning
31 Association in 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, The City of Elgin is home to Elgin Academy, the
2 oldest coeducational, non-sectarian college preparatory
3 school west of the Allegheny Mountains; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the City of Elgin is the Wing Park
5 Aquatic Center, winner of the Best Aquatic Facility Award
6 from Illinois Parks and Recreation Association for 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, The residents of Elgin are proud of Bluff Spring
8 Fen, Trout Park Nature Preserve, and Sleepy Hollow Ravine,
9 some of the most unique natural areas and the largest acreage
10 of pristine wetlands and prairie in the State of Illinois; in
11 addition, Bluff Spring Fen, located at Bluff City Cemetery,
12 has the largest population and variety of butterfly species
13 in the State; and

14 WHEREAS, The City of Elgin has three Historic Districts
15 and most recently was designated an Illinois Main Street
16 Community; and

17 WHEREAS, On February 21, 2002, the City of Elgin will be
18 honored by the State of Illinois for its continual
19 contributions to the success of our State; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we designate February 21, 2002 as "Elgin, Illinois" Day in
23 the State of Illinois in honor of the 8th largest city in the
24 State; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
26 presented to the Ed Schock, Mayor of Elgin, Illinois