

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are honored to recognize notable achievements
4 in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, On Tuesday, September 24, 2002 the Illinois
6 Retail Merchants Association will honor Mike Roberts,
7 President of McDonald's USA, as its 2002 Retailer of the
8 Year; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois Retailer of the Year award is given
10 annually to a retailer who is not only successful in
11 business, but is also committed to community and civic
12 affairs and is respected by others in the industry; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts is responsible for the company's
14 more than 12,800 restaurants in the United States; most
15 recently, Mr. Roberts served as president, West Division, for
16 McDonald's USA; he began his career with McDonald's as a
17 regional purchasing manager in 1977; he has served as an
18 advisory director to McDonald's board of directors and as a
19 board member to several children's charitable organizations;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts has been at the forefront of many of
22 the programs highlighted in McDonald's first worldwide Social
23 Responsibility Report; the report provides a picture in time
24 of the corporation's contributions toward sustaining its
25 communities, the environment, its people, and the
26 marketplace; and

27 WHEREAS, McDonald's has exhibited an extensive commitment
28 to social responsibility through its Ronald McDonald House
29 Charities, its creation of an International Scientific
30 Advisory Council to protect beef safety, and extensive
31 recognition and education programs for employees; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts played a key role in the company's
2 responsibility to the environment while serving as McDonald's
3 Vice President of Environmental Affairs in 1990; under his
4 direction, the company launched its McRecycle USA program,
5 one of the first corporate "buy recycled" initiatives; in
6 only five years, the program reached its 10-year goal to
7 spend \$1 billion on recycled products and materials building,
8 remodeling, and equipping its restaurants; and

9 WHEREAS, McDonald's commitment to social responsibility
10 is also evident at each and every one of its restaurants; the
11 typical owner/operator lives in the community where he or she
12 works, participates in local community groups, employs 50 to
13 100 people, most from the restaurant's neighborhood, serves
14 about 1,500 customers a day, recycles corrugated shipping
15 boxes and used shortening, and depends on local suppliers;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In Illinois alone, McDonald's serves more than
18 20 million burgers a year at 613 restaurants; in all,
19 McDonald's serves 43 million people each day in 121 countries
20 at more than 29,000 locations; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we congratulate Mike Roberts on being the recipient of the
24 Illinois Retail Merchants Association's Retailer of the Year;
25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to Mike Roberts as an expression of our esteem.