

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in  
4 the history of businesses of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Advanced Information Systems, Inc. of Peoria,  
6 Illinois was a recipient of the Governor's Small Business  
7 Award recently awarded by the Governor of Illinois, George H.  
8 Ryan; and

9 WHEREAS, The Governor's Small Business Awards recognize  
10 the important contributions that small business owners make  
11 to the Illinois economy; and

12 WHEREAS, Girish Seshagiri is the CEO and Patricia  
13 Ferguson is the president of Advanced Information Services,  
14 Inc.; in 1986, Mr. Seshagiri founded Advanced Information  
15 Systems, Inc. to create high wage, high technology jobs in  
16 information services in central Illinois; the fourteen  
17 year-old company started with one employee and has  
18 successfully grown to employ 140 people; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Seshagiri have demonstrated  
20 outstanding entrepreneurship through their unique design and  
21 approach to create an innovative, fast-paced, intensive  
22 technical training program to re-train college-educated  
23 people with skills to become computer programmers and enter  
24 into high-wage technology jobs; Advanced Information  
25 Services, Inc. provides software application development  
26 services, technology training consulting/integration services  
27 and process consulting/training services; some of the  
28 customers that utilize Advanced Information Services, Inc.  
29 include Caterpillar, State Farm, Ford, Hewlett Packard, and  
30 IBM Global Services; and

31 WHEREAS, Advanced Information Services, Inc. recognizes

1 the importance of helping to employ both women and  
2 minorities; today, Advanced Information Services, Inc. is  
3 comprised of 42 percent minorities and 36 percent women; and

4 WHEREAS, The list of other notable awards and  
5 recognitions that Advanced Information Systems, Inc. has  
6 received include a feature story in the December 1990 issue  
7 of Business Week recognizing Advanced Information Systems,  
8 Inc. for its quality process methods, receiving the 1999  
9 Software Process Achievement Award sponsored by the  
10 IEEE/Software Engineering Institute, and being the recipient  
11 of the 1999 Power of Minority Business Excellence Award;  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we congratulate Advanced Information Systems, Inc. for  
16 earning the Governor's Small Business Award for the year  
17 2001; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Girish Seshagiri, CEO of Advanced Information  
20 Systems, Inc., and Patricia Ferguson, the president of  
21 Advanced Informations, Systems, Inc.