

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Rabbi Oscar
6 Fasman is the recipient of the Orthodox Union's Lifetime
7 Rabbinic Leadership Award; and

8 WHEREAS, At ninety-three years of age, Rabbi Fasman has
9 recently retired from a lifetime of serving various Jewish
10 communities in the Midwest; he served for ten years in
11 Oklahoma and for sixteen years in Canada; he served as
12 President of the Hebrew Theological College in Chicago for
13 eighteen years; he retired as Rabbi of Congregation Yehuda
14 Moshe in Skokie after thirty-five years of service in that
15 area; and

16 WHEREAS, Rabbi Fasman is the first American-born
17 President of a major Orthodox Rabbinical Seminary in the
18 United States; he is a past President of the Rabbinical
19 Council of America and a past President of Chicago Rabbinical
20 Council, has been awarded a D.D. Honoris Causa of Yeshiva
21 University in 1955, conducted a 1957 retreat of United States
22 Jewish Chaplains in the Far East, holding a twelve day United
23 States Army appointment parallel to the rank of Brigadier
24 General, is a pioneer member of the National Executive Board
25 of religious Zionists of America, served as a Honorary
26 Captain in the Royal Canadian Army, and was Bar Ilan
27 University Chair of Advanced Torah Studies Honor in 1992; and

28 WHEREAS, The Orthodox Union on the West Coast will hold
29 its annual banquet on June 18, 2001, where they will present
30 Rabbi Oscar Fasman with the Orthodox Union Lifetime Rabbinic
31 Leadership Award in honor of his distinguished career in the
32 Rabbinate; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Rabbi Oscar Fasman on being the recipient of
4 the Orthodox Union's Lifetime Rabbinic Leadership Award for
5 his distinguisheh career in the Rabbinate; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Rabbi Oscar Fasman as an expression of our
8 esteem.