

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Donnie Beechler recently participated in his  
6 fourth Indianapolis 500 as a driver; and

7 WHEREAS, Donnie Beechler started his racing career in  
8 1982, earning Rookie of the Year honors in the sprint car  
9 division at the Springfield Speedway; and

10 WHEREAS, Donnie Beechler has 5 career U.S. Auto Club  
11 Silver Bullet wins; and

12 WHEREAS, Donnie Beechler had the fifth fastest qualifying  
13 time at this year's Indianapolis 500, registering a lap speed  
14 of 224.449 miles per hour; he started the race in 27th place  
15 and moved to 7th place before an oil fitting problem knocked  
16 him out in the 147th lap; he returned to the race in the  
17 151st lap and finished 25th; and

18 WHEREAS, Donnie Beechler finished a career-best sixth in  
19 2000 Indy Racing Northern Light Series point standings and is  
20 one of the 33 fastest drivers in the world; 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 Donnie Beechler on his racing career; and be  
24 it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to Donnie Beechler as an expression of our esteem.