

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The backbone of our nation's economy is rooted
3 in the success of small businesses that employ millions of
4 Americans and keep our people working and prosperous; and

5 WHEREAS, Among those millions of small businesses is a
6 company located in Streator, Illinois, known as Metro
7 Amusements, itself employing 18 hard-working Illinois
8 citizens who contribute mightily to the local economy; and

9 WHEREAS, Metro Amusements is owned and operated by
10 Raymond Shroyer of Plano, a longtime small businessman who is
11 known throughout his community and the State of Illinois as
12 an upstanding citizen who contributes to the moral as well as
13 economic fabric of his community; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Shroyer has long been recognized throughout
15 Illinois as one of the most conscientious members of the
16 industry known as coin machine entertainment operators, and
17 who has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues
18 and peers throughout the State; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Shroyer's influence as owner of Metro
20 Amusements since 1984 has grown regionally and nationally,
21 and that influence, admiration, and respect has also earned
22 him honor among his colleagues and peers throughout the
23 United States; and

24 WHEREAS, To honor Mr. Shroyer's contributions to the
25 industry, "Play Meter" magazine, the nation's largest trade
26 publication in the coin machine industry, named Mr. Shroyer
27 as the industry's "Operator of the Year" in 2002 in
28 recognition of his contributions in the coin machine industry
29 as well as his community; and

30 WHEREAS, Since there are more than 8,000 coin machine
31 operators in business throughout the United States, the honor

1 of "Operator of the Year" is indeed unique and exceptional;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we extend to Raymond Shroyer our heartiest congratulations
6 and best wishes upon the auspicious occasion of being named
7 the coin machine industry's "Operator of the Year for 2002,"
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
10 Raymond Shroyer and his wife, Diane, as an expression of our
11 esteem.