

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Representative
4 William A. O'Connor on his exemplary service to the citizens
5 of the 43rd District; and

6 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House which began
7 August 15, 1998, Representative O'Connor has been known as a
8 crime fighter; he is known for his work for Latino outreach,
9 railroad crossing safety, and early childhood development;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, He has received many awards, including the
12 Legislative Advocacy Award from the Illinois Council Against
13 Handgun Violence; the Youth Outreach Services Award in
14 appreciation of his outstanding support and assistance to
15 youth and families of the 43rd District; the Chicago Teachers
16 Union Lead 2000 Award in appreciation of his commitment to
17 the educators and support personnel who are charged with
18 educating the students of Chicago's public schools; and the
19 Chicago Teachers Union Certificate of Honor for his
20 commitment to quality education; and

21 WHEREAS, He received the Riverside Little League
22 Appreciation Award; the J. Sterling Morton High School
23 District 201 Certificate of Appreciation Award in recognition
24 of his valuable contributions to the passage of House Bill
25 1134 in 1999, which made the school funding formula more
26 fair; and the L. J. Hauser Jr. High School Pride Sponsor; and

27 WHEREAS, He received the Illinois Education
28 Association-Illinois Political Action Committee on Education
29 Friend of Education Award in recognition of his continued
30 commitment to public education and the children of Illinois;
31 the Community Support Services, Inc. Partnership Award for
32 his outstanding support of children and adults with

1 developmental disabilities and their families; and the
2 Illinois State's Attorneys Association Outstanding Legislator
3 Award in recognition and appreciation of his distinguished
4 service to the People of the State of Illinois through his
5 leadership, dedication and creative efforts in the Illinois
6 General Assembly in support of the criminal justice system;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, He received the Latinos of Berwyn and Cicero
9 Organization Citizen Award for his outstanding performance
10 and dedication to the 43rd District and all the people in the
11 State of Illinois and for his support and concern for the
12 Latino community; the Illinois Park and Recreation
13 Association and the Illinois Association of Park Districts
14 with the Berwyn Park District Community Service Award; and
15 the American Legion, Department of Illinois Certificate of
16 Appreciation Award for his support of the Veterans and
17 Veterans Affairs in the State of Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, He was the recipient of the Riverside Township
19 Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Township Lions Club Man of the
20 Year 2000 award; the Irving School PTA Award of Appreciation
21 for his efforts to secure funds for Irving School to make it
22 a safer school for its students and teachers; the Illinois
23 Agriculture Association Activator Friend of Agricultural
24 Award; and the Association of Community Mental Health
25 Authorities of Illinois Acknowledgement For Outstanding
26 Support And Advocacy On Behalf Of Local Mental Health
27 Authorities; and

28 WHEREAS, He has served on several committees, including
29 State Government Administration (Spokesman), Computer
30 Technology, Conservation and Land Use (Vice-Spokesman),
31 Financial Institutions, Transportation and Motor Vehicles,
32 Appropriations-Elementary and Secondary Education, Urban
33 Revitalization, and Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Distribution;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Representative O'Connor has been supported
3 throughout his public and private life by his wife, Jane
4 McCahill, and his three children, Will, Kathleen, and Emily;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The House will miss having the benefit of
7 William A. O'Connor's legal expertise and his vast experience
8 in public service; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Representative William A. O'Connor on a job
12 well done for the citizens of the 43rd District and the
13 entire State of Illinois and we wish him success and
14 happiness in his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Representative William A. O'Connor as an
17 expression of our respect and esteem.