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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Susan B. Friend on the
4 occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the South
5 East Association for Special Recreation (SEASPAR) on July 7,
6 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, Susan Friend joined SEASPAR in 1979 and has 38
8 years of service with the organization; before joining SEASPAR,
9 she began her career at the Western DuPage Special Recreation
10 Association and has a total of 40 years experience serving the
11 recreation needs of individuals with disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, Susan Friend served at SEASPAR as Superintendent
13 of Recreation during the organization's formative years and
14 became Executive Director in 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, Susan Friend served as president of the Special
16 Recreation Association of Northern Illinois and was the
17 director and a board member of the Illinois Therapeutic
18 Recreation Section (ITRS); and

19 WHEREAS, Susan Friend has received the ITRS Special
20 Recognition Award, the ITRS Distinguished Service Award, the
21 ITRS Director's Award, and the Illinois Park and Recreation

1 Association President's Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Susan Friend earned a bachelor's degree in
3 recreation administration from Eastern Illinois University;
4 she served as Recreation Administration Alumni Association
5 President and received the Distinguished Alumni Award; she has
6 a master's degree in management from National Louis University;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Susan Friend is actively involved in her church
9 and local Kiwanis Club, where she has served as president; and

10 WHEREAS, SEASPAR would not be where it is today without the
11 influence of Susan Friend; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate Susan B. Friend on her retirement as Executive
15 Director of the South East Association for Special Recreation,
16 and we wish her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Susan Friend as an expression of our esteem and
20 respect.