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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize and congratulate Rebecca Cartwright for her years of dedication and service to her community as a Pokemon Video Game Championship (VGC) and Trading Card Game (TCG) Tournament Organizer; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Cartwright became involved in the Pokemon community to support her two sons, Calum and Samuel Bruce-Cartwright, who expressed interest in playing the games and attending organized events and tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Cartwright began hosting VGC tournaments, and in 2014, created a Pokemon league for the Chicago area, the Ace Trainers League; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Cartwright continued to host tournaments over the course of several years despite her progressing disease and her son's waning interest; she has created a positive community and atmosphere that has fostered many friendships and memories; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Cartwright established herself as a model tournament organizer and was a mentor to new tournament organizers, judges, and players; she encouraged players of all

1 ages to work together; and

2 WHEREAS, At Rebecca Cartwright's tournaments, she always
3 encouraged and strived for a good Spirit of the Game; through
4 her experience in both sides of the game, she helped connect
5 both trading card game and video game players, opening their
6 eyes to other perspectives; and

7 WHEREAS, Rebecca Cartwright listened to the players and
8 applied the feedback she received and tried to be the best
9 tournament organizer she could be; she put forward a tremendous
10 effort and continually went above and beyond expectations to
11 make each tournament special and unique, such as applying
12 themes or bringing home-baked goods to the tournaments; and

13 WHEREAS, Rebecca Cartwright is an inspiring individual who
14 has made a difference and touched the lives of hundreds of
15 people through her tireless volunteer work as a Pokemon
16 tournament organizer; she has also made an extremely positive
17 impact on her community and State; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 recognize and congratulate Rebecca Cartwright for all her
21 outstanding years of service as a Pokemon tournament organizer,
22 judge, advocate, and friend, and for her volunteer work on

1 behalf of the Illinois VGC community; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Rebecca Cartwright as a symbol of our respect and
4 esteem.