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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Sandra Johnson on  
4 the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the  
5 North Shore Senior Center (NSSC) in Northfield after 20 years  
6 of dedicated service; and

7           WHEREAS, Sandra Johnson began her career with the North  
8 Shore Senior Center as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; from  
9 1984 to 1992, she served as Director of Social Services, where  
10 she ensured that the NSSC provided a wide variety of services  
11 to seniors of all income levels and physical or mental  
12 conditions; in 1992, she was named Executive Director of the  
13 North Shore Senior Center, where she remained until her  
14 retirement; and

15           WHEREAS, As Executive Director of the North Shore Senior  
16 Center, Sandra Johnson has been instrumental in the growth and  
17 prosperity of the senior center; during her tenure, she has  
18 overseen a successful capital campaign and site search, which  
19 have resulted in many additions and improvements for the  
20 center, including a Fitness Center, evening and weekend  
21 programs, expanded class and workshop offerings, classrooms,  
22 offices for the center's social workers, and expanded  
23 administration and IT facilities; she then oversaw another

1 capital campaign to combine the three Alzheimer's Day Care  
2 centers into one state-of-the-art center on the same campus as  
3 NSSC that can house 30 participants; she facilitated an  
4 alliance with the national Older Adults Service and Information  
5 System organization, which enabled NSSC to work cooperatively  
6 with the national group; she was also asked to open a new site  
7 for social services in Evanston which would serve seniors in  
8 two additional townships; and

9 WHEREAS, Due in part to Sandra Johnson's incredible  
10 leadership, the North Shore Senior Center was one of the first  
11 senior centers in the nation to be accredited by NISC in 2003;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Sandra Johnson has been active in numerous  
14 professional and community organizations in the Chicago area,  
15 including the Rotary Club, the Buehler Center on Aging at the  
16 Northwestern University Medical Center in Chicago, the United  
17 Way, the Association of Illinois Senior Centers, and the  
18 University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration;  
19 nationally, she is a member of the National Council of Aging,  
20 the Gerontological Society of America, the National  
21 Association of Social Workers, the American Society on Aging,  
22 and the National Institute of Senior Centers; and

23 WHEREAS, Sandra Johnson's dedication to her profession and

1 her willingness to serve her community make her a model for the  
2 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 congratulate Sandra Johnson on the occasion of her retirement  
6 and wish her continued success and happiness in the future; and  
7 be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Sandra Johnson as a symbol of our esteem and  
10 respect.