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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Wisconsin State Representative Annette Polly Williams on her retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Williams was born on January 10, 1937, in Belzoni, Mississippi; she is a graduate of North Division High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and she received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; she is the mother of four, grandmother of seven, and great-grandmother of two; and

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WHEREAS, She was elected to serve the 10th Assembly District in 1980; she was the longest serving woman in the history of the Wisconsin State Legislature until her retirement decision; she has the distinction of being the first Democratic Legislator in Wisconsin history to be appointed a committee chair by a Republican controlled Legislature; and

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WHEREAS, During her time with the Wisconsin State Legislature she has served on a variety of committees, including: Women and Minorities, Commerce and Community Affairs, Primary and Secondary Education, Consumer and Commercial Credit, Census and Redistricting, Financial Institutions, and others; she has chaired the Assembly

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1 Committee on Education Reform, the Assembly Committee on Urban  
2 Education, the Assembly Committee on Consumer Affairs, the  
3 Assembly Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the  
4 Assembly Committee on Small Business; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Williams has received many awards,  
6 including: the National Black Caucus of State Legislators  
7 Presidents Award for Distinguished Service in 1990, the United  
8 Community Center's Friends of the Hispanic Community Award in  
9 1991, Freedom Magazine's 1992 National Human Rights Award, the  
10 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's 1998 Life Time Achievement  
11 Award, the Milwaukee Times' Black Excellence (Pioneer) Award in  
12 2001, and the Ouadrevon Hennings' Foundation Award; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Williams plans on spending more  
14 time with her family and her church, while continuing to stay  
15 involved with the community and fighting for issues relating to  
16 children and their families; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 congratulate Wisconsin State Representative Annette Polly  
20 Williams on her retirement and wish her all the best in her  
21 future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Annette Polly Williams as a symbol of our respect  
2 and esteem.