WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Aurora Gore of Round Lake on the occasion of completing a 21 -mile swim across the English Channel; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Gore is employed as a hairstylist at the Mario Tricoci Hair Salon and Day Spa in Libertyville; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Gore initially began her training about two years ago because she wanted to compete in a triathlon; despite only having basic knowledge of swimming at the time, she soon discovered she really liked to swim and decided that, instead of a triathlon, she wanted to try to traverse the English Channel; under the guidance of her swim coach, Craig Strong, she spent 16 to 22 hours a week swimming in Lake Michigan and the pool to prepare her for the challenge; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Gore swam across the English Channel from Dover, England to the coast of France on September 23, 2011; she started her swim at about 7 A.M. and arrived at the coast of France near Calais at about 9 P.M., completing her voyage with a time of 14 hours and 10 minutes; and

WHEREAS, Through this fantastic achievement, Aurora Gore

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joins only about 1,000 people who have completed the crossing; in addition to achieving this great accomplishment, she also raised $\$ 500$ in donations for the Kellogg Cancer Center in memory of her stepfather, who died from cancer in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Gore serves as a model of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the state of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Aurora Gore on her accomplishment and wish her continued success and happiness in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Aurora Gore as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

