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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate and thank State
4 Representative Karen May for her many years of service to the
5 people of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative May was first elected to the
7 Illinois House of Representatives in 2000; she has been a
8 tireless and diligent advocate for the 58th District; and she
9 has held a number of leadership positions, including chair of
10 the Telecommunications Committee and chair of the Environment &
11 Energy Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative May has been a progressive and
13 independent voice in Springfield and a strong proponent of
14 environmental protection, ethics reform, property tax relief,
15 common-sense gun laws, access to affordable health care, State
16 budget reforms, efficient transportation, and improved
17 education; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative May has protected the rights of
19 disabled persons in Illinois; she successfully fought for and
20 passed legislation to improve access to parking for those who
21 lawfully use spots designated for the disabled, while cracking
22 down on scofflaws; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative May authored and passed public
2 pension reforms to end abuses and to begin to create long-term
3 stability of the State's pension systems; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative May has consistently worked to
5 protect our children; she sponsored and passed legislation
6 making radon testing and removal a condition of daycare
7 licensing; and

8 WHEREAS, As founder and a co-chair of the Legislative Green
9 Caucus, Representative May fought for legislation creating a
10 State council to investigate and recommend policies to promote
11 the use of electric vehicles; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative May was as comfortable introducing
13 and passing complicated legislation as she was starring on
14 stage during the Conference of Women Legislators' Capitol
15 Capers shows in Springfield; and

16 WHEREAS, A woman of many talents, Representative May got
17 her start in public affairs as a newspaper reporter in
18 Chicago's northern suburbs, covering local government; she
19 later started her own public relations firm, serving as
20 president; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative May is a former member of the
2 Highland Park City Council; she also previously served as the
3 chair of the Highland Park Preservation Commission and member
4 of the board of directors of the United Way; and

5 WHEREAS, As vice-president of the League of Women Voters of
6 Highland Park, Representative May gained a broad perspective on
7 public policy and spearheaded legislative efforts in the areas
8 of campaign finance and election reform; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative May and her husband, Mort, have
10 lived in Highland Park for over 30 years; their 2 children
11 attended Highland Park public schools and now live in the area
12 with their families, which include all 4 of Karen and Mort's
13 grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative May will be missed by her
15 colleagues, who hold her dedication, honesty, energy, and wit
16 in the highest regard; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate and thank State Representative Karen May for
20 her years of dedicated service; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to State Representative Karen May as an expression of
2 our esteem and respect.