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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Susie Kuruvilla on the
4 occasion of her retirement as executive director of the Gurnee
5 Park District; and

6 WHEREAS, Susie Kuruvilla began working for the Gurnee Park
7 District as director of business services in June 1997, and
8 she has served as executive director for the past 18 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Susie Kuruvilla, as executive director, has
10 helped the Gurnee Park District become a vibrant center of
11 activity and community spirit featuring many spaces where fun
12 and fitness thrive, including the Hunt Club Park Aquatic
13 Center, the Hunt Club Park Community Center, FitNation, and
14 many beautiful parks and playgrounds; and

15 WHEREAS, During Susie Kuruvilla's tenure, the Gurnee Park
16 District has experienced significant growth; through her
17 careful management, the park district has achieved financial
18 stability while expanded programming has helped to bring new
19 opportunities to park visitors; additionally, her oversight
20 has cultivated strong collaborations among park district
21 staff, the Gurnee Park Board, and community partners; and

1 WHEREAS, Under Susie Kuruvilla's leadership, the Gurnee
2 Park District's standing in the field of Parks and Recreation
3 has been solidified both locally and nationally, as was
4 evidenced when the park district received the National Gold
5 Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management
6 in 2010, recognizing the park district's commitment to serving
7 the community at a high standard; and

8 WHEREAS, Susie Kuruvilla, a dedicated advocate and leader
9 in the field of Parks and Recreation, has served on several
10 boards and committees related to her profession, including as
11 treasurer of the National Recreation and Park Association
12 (NRPA), judge for the National Gold Medal Award from 2015 to
13 2019, chair of the Park District Risk Management Agency
14 (PDRMA) Health Benefit Committee, and as a member of the
15 Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Joint
16 Legislative Committee, the Warren Special Recreation
17 Association (WSRA) Board, and the HR Source Board; and

18 WHEREAS, Susie Kuruvilla, in retirement, has expressed
19 looking forward to traveling the world, achieving her goal of
20 visiting every national park, spending quality time with
21 family and friends, reading good books, and picking up fun,
22 new hobbies; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Susie Kuruvilla on her retirement as executive
3 director of the Gurnee Park District after 27 years of
4 service, and we thank her for her dedicated service to the
5 Gurnee community; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Susie Kuruvilla as an expression of our esteem
8 and respect.