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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Honorable Rita B. Garman on the occasion of receiving the AMBUCS First Citizen Award by the Danville Chapter of AMBUCS; and

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WHEREAS, The AMBUCS First Citizen Award is given to a Danville area man or woman who has contributed significantly to the betterment of the community through a single project or multiple projects, personally or professionally; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Garman, as one of the first female attorneys in Vermilion County, paved the way for many women who followed her, and she continued to inspire those in the legal field as her professional path culminated in her serving as a member of the Supreme Court of Illinois from 2001 to 2022, where she served as chief justice for a term; during her time on the bench, she was noted for serving as a calm, prepared, respectful, and wise leader; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Garman, shortly after her arrival on the Supreme Court of Illinois, established a special committee on child custody issues to give priority to cases involving the custody, adoption, abuse, and neglect of children and the rights of parents; as an advocate for children her entire

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1 career, she continues to serve on this committee today; and

2 WHEREAS, Judge Garman has remained committed to her  
3 community, serving Danville in a number of capacities,  
4 including as a member of the Danville Rotary Club, where she  
5 currently serves as president, the Danville Symphony Board of  
6 Directors, the Danville Area Community College (DACC)  
7 Foundation Board, the local Chapter HX of PEO, and the St.  
8 James United Methodist Church community; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Garman's accomplishments, both professional  
10 and civic, have led to the Vermilion County Courthouse being  
11 renamed in her honor, and she has been awarded the Lifetime  
12 Achievement Award by the Illinois Judges Association in 2007,  
13 the inaugural Harold Sullivan Award for Judicial Excellence in  
14 2011, and the Myra Bradwell Award from the Women's Bar  
15 Association of Illinois in 2016, among other accolades; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Garman, who continues to support a wide  
17 variety of community programs with humility, honesty,  
18 charisma, and passion, has been a consummate role model for  
19 the citizens of Danville for over 50 years; and

20 WHEREAS, Judge Garman will be presented the AMBUCS First  
21 Citizen Award at the 92nd Annual AMBUCS First Citizen banquet  
22 on May 29, 2025; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate the Honorable Rita B. Garman on being the  
4 recipient of the AMBUCS First Citizen Award by the Danville  
5 Chapter of AMBUCS, and we thank her for her continued service  
6 and dedication to the Danville community; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Judge Garman as an expression of our esteem and  
9 respect.