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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Lois Callahan on her  
4 election to the office of National President of the Veterans  
5 of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary, serving  
6 from 2025-2026; and

7 WHEREAS, Established in 1914, members of the VFW Auxiliary  
8 wanted to serve the veterans of this country and our  
9 communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every  
10 man and woman who has served in uniform; the organization is  
11 one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations and  
12 its members are the relatives of those who served in a location  
13 of foreign conflict; nearly 470,000 members in more than 3,500  
14 Auxiliaries nationwide, plus three foreign-based Auxiliaries,  
15 volunteer millions of hours and fundraise millions of dollars  
16 for charitable projects that benefit veterans, military  
17 service personnel, and their families; and

18 WHEREAS, Lois Callahan has served the VFW Auxiliary since  
19 1990 as District and Department President, National Youth  
20 Activities Ambassador, and National Legislative Ambassador;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Lois Callahan was also elected to the office of

1 National Guard of the VFW Auxiliary, serving from 2021-2022;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Lois Callahan originally joined the VFW Auxiliary  
4 on behalf of her father, Ruben Tamariz, who served in the U.S.  
5 Army, both in Korea and Vietnam; and

6 WHEREAS, VFW Auxiliary National President Lois Callahan is  
7 a Life Member of Jack E. Smoot/Ralph G. King VFW Auxiliary  
8 2278; and

9 WHEREAS, Lois Callahan has dedicated her life to the  
10 values and goals of the VFW, including through supporting  
11 veterans and their families, providing scholarships to  
12 students nationwide, advocating for veteran-centered  
13 legislation, and assisting veterans through the VA; therefore,  
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we congratulate Lois Callahan on her election to the office of  
18 National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the  
19 United States (VFW) Auxiliary, serving from 2025-2026; and be  
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Lois Callahan as an expression of esteem and  
2 respect.