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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Judy Baar Topinka was born to immigrant parents Lillian Mary Shuss and William D. Baar on January 16, 1944 in Riverside; after attending public school, she graduated from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Judy Baar Topinka worked as a reporter, education editor, feature writer, feature editor, and photographer and received honors from the Illinois Women's Press Association, the Illinois Press Association, and the Illinois State Medical Society for her work covering advances in the medical field; and

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WHEREAS, Judy Baar Topinka's time covering politics and local issues as a journalist motivated her move into politics; in 1980, she was elected to serve in the Illinois House of Representatives, before being elected to the Senate in 1984, where she served until 1995; and

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WHEREAS, In 1994, Judy Baar Topinka achieved the distinction of being the first woman elected to serve as State Treasurer, becoming only the second woman in Illinois history to hold a State constitutional executive office; she served three terms; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2006, Judy Baar Topinka ran for Governor of
2 Illinois, becoming only the second woman to win a major party's
3 nomination for governor in the State; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2010, Judy Baar Topinka was elected to serve as
5 the Illinois State Comptroller, making her the first woman to
6 serve in two State constitutional offices in Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Judy Baar Topinka was a trailblazer and dedicated
8 to community, honest governance, and human rights; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we urge the owner of the Comptroller building in Springfield to
13 work with CMS to name the building in honor of Judy Baar
14 Topinka; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 delivered to the owner of the Comptroller building in
17 Springfield, the Illinois Comptroller, and the Director of CMS.