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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate our colleague Representative Terri Courtney Bryant on her distinguished service to the people of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bryant has faithfully served the citizens of the 115th district since being sworn in at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro in January 2015; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bryant and Rick, her husband of 40 years, wish to thank the people of the 115th district and the citizens of Southern Illinois for the trust they placed in her as she earned six consecutive election victories; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bryant has amassed a voting record that reflects her conservative values, including consistently voting against unconstitutional gun control legislation, opposing the practice and expansion of taxpayer-funded abortions, supporting balanced budgets, and promoting ethics reform; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bryant worked to earn overwhelming majority support for Molly's Law, legislation that provides civil and criminal penalty protections for families of victims

1 of violent crime that was inspired by the unsolved case of the
2 death of Jackson County resident Molly Young, and joined with
3 Molly's father, Larry Young, who leads the Justice for Molly
4 movement to earn support in both chambers of the legislature
5 and the Governor's signature; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Bryant is a proud Murphysboro
7 resident, and she sponsored a House Joint Resolution naming
8 Murphysboro as Illinois' Barbecue Capital City; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Bryant is a retired 20 year veteran
10 of the Illinois Department of Corrections; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Bryant's tireless efforts to forge
12 compromise and identify and solve issues involving criminal
13 justice reform led House Republican Leader Jim Durkin to name
14 her as House Republican Spokesperson for the House Judiciary
15 Criminal Law Committee for the 101st General Assembly; and

16 WHEREAS, During her six-year career in the Illinois House,
17 Representative Bryant rose to the ranks of Chairperson of the
18 Downstate Republican Caucus and served on the executive board
19 of the Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Bryant is a devoted mother of two
21 and a loving grandmother of four grandchildren; she is an avid

1 hunter, avid angler, and decent golfer; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Bryant was elected to serve as 58th
3 District State Senator on November 3, 2020 and will be
4 inaugurated into her new position on Wednesday, January 13,
5 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish
7 Representative Bryant the very best in her new position as 58th
8 District State Senator; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we wish to thank Representative Terri Courtney Bryant for her
12 years of dedicated service as 115th District State
13 Representative; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Representative Bryant as an expression of our
16 esteem and respect.