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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Polly O'Brien grew up walking the halls of the statehouse while her father Jack O'Brien served as Clerk of the House; as a child, she spent time playing with the children of elected officials and other state leaders, such as former Attorney General Lisa Madigan, daughter of former House Speaker Michael J. Madigan; and

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WHEREAS, Polly O'Brien followed in her father's footsteps and spent her career serving the Illinois House of Representatives; as a Springfield native, she also devoted many years of service to her hometown; and

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WHEREAS, Polly O'Brien began working at the Illinois Department of Public Aid in 1985; she joined the House Democratic Caucus Issues Development Unit in 1998 and then moved to the Office of the House Clerk in 2007, a position she held for more than a decade; and

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WHEREAS, Polly O'Brien has proven herself to be a loyal and dependable friend; she did not have co-workers, but rather friends with whom she worked; her friends know that once you are friends with her then you are friends for life, and you can call her for anything you need; and

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1 WHEREAS, Polly O'Brien has always been devoted to her
2 family, which includes her father, her sisters Marjie and
3 Bridget, and her late mother Sharon; she has many hobbies,
4 including watching baseball as an avid fan of the Chicago
5 Cubs; she also loves attending the Illinois State Fair and
6 while working had a tradition of using her vacation time to
7 attend the fair every year; and

8 WHEREAS, Polly O'Brien retired from her position in the
9 clerk's office in December of 2020, following 36 years of
10 service to the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Polly O'Brien on her retirement and thank her
14 for her many years of devoted service to the Illinois House of
15 Representatives; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Polly O'Brien as a symbol of our esteem and
18 respect.