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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague, Representative Kathleen Willis, for her 10 years of service as a member of the Illinois General Assembly and thank her for her dedicated service to our State and her community; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Willis is a lifelong resident of DuPage County; she currently resides with her husband, Tom, in Addison, where they raised their children, Elyse, Heather, John, and Victoria, and are proud grandparents; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Willis earned her bachelor's degree in Human Service Administration from Elmhurst College and her master's degree in Library and Information Services from the University of Illinois; in her career, she served her local community as access services coordinator at the Elmhurst College Library while also teaching children's and youth literature; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Willis has a long record of community service, including tenure as the vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Addison, chair of the Addison Special Events Commission, and coordinator of the Addison Mayor's Community Charity Ball; additionally, she is a member of the American Association of University Women, a supporter of the Dare to

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1 Dream program that mentors young Latinas to help promote  
2 education, combat truancy, and promote the benefits of staying  
3 in school and pursuing education, and a board member of  
4 Addison Elementary School District 4; and

5 WHEREAS, Rep. Willis began her service in the legislature  
6 by successfully passing bills to improve the placement process  
7 for special education students and to help prevent e-cigarette  
8 purchase by minors, which were signed into law; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Willis passed legislation to increase  
10 accountability against individuals who defraud or attempt to  
11 defraud Medicaid and to protect consumers from unfair  
12 surcharges; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Willis successfully fought to enhance  
14 justice for domestic violence survivors and accountability for  
15 domestic abusers, worked to address drug abuse among young  
16 people by spearheading the creation of the Young Adults Heroin  
17 Use Task Force, advocated to reduce the influence of gangs and  
18 their ability to recruit young people, and sought to enhance  
19 firearm safety and protect families from violent crime,  
20 including through an appointment to serve on the Restorative  
21 Justice and Safe Communities Committee for the gubernatorial  
22 transition in 2018; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate Representative Kathleen Willis on her  
4 retirement from the Illinois House of Representatives, thank  
5 her for her 10 years of dedicated service to the people of  
6 Illinois, and wish her the best in the next chapter of her  
7 life; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Rep. Willis as an expression of our respect and  
10 esteem.