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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to thank State Representative Sandra  
4 "Sandy" Hamilton on her service to the 99th District and the  
5 people of Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Rep. Hamilton was born in Downers Grove to  
7 Charles and Joan Scholtens on December 31, 1966, and her  
8 parents instilled in her the values of community volunteering,  
9 philanthropy, and promoting community growth; and

10           WHEREAS, Rep. Hamilton met her husband, Bob, while  
11 attending the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana,  
12 where she received her degree and represented the university  
13 as a member of its championship volleyball team; and

14           WHEREAS, Rep. Hamilton and her husband are the proud  
15 parents of Charlie, Will, and Jake; she and Bob have lived in  
16 Springfield for more than 20 years; her professional  
17 experience includes being a real estate broker with Remax  
18 Professionals, Inc., specializing in residential and  
19 commercial real estate; she is also a small business owner,  
20 co-owning local storage units; and

21           WHEREAS, Rep. Hamilton was sworn in on December 30, 2021

1 to fill the vacancy of retiring Rep. Mike Murphy in the 99th  
2 District; and

3 WHEREAS, During her time in the General Assembly, Rep.  
4 Hamilton advanced key legislation to protect state workers in  
5 the Child Protective Services Division of the Illinois  
6 Department of Children and Family Services, and she has  
7 sponsored 12 and co-sponsored another 36 pieces of legislation  
8 during her short time in the 102nd General Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, All of Rep. Hamilton's resolutions passed,  
10 including the Gold Star Spouses Day declaration and those  
11 honoring the lives and good works of Springfield volunteer and  
12 realtor Ron Ladley, mental health advocate and motivational  
13 speaker Kay McGuire, Springfield Coach Ken Leonard, the Sacred  
14 Heart-Griffin football champions, and the Sacred Heart-Griffin  
15 basketball champions; and

16 WHEREAS, Rep. Hamilton was the chief co-sponsor of the  
17 legislation to create the Parking Tax Exemption for the  
18 Illinois State Fair and DuQuoin State Fair, co-sponsor of the  
19 new law for enhanced background checks on people who directly  
20 work with children to help identify sexual abuse cases, and  
21 co-sponsor of the new law to create the Money Laundering in  
22 Real Estate Task Force to investigate the cash flows and money  
23 laundering in the real estate industry and the Illinois

1 economy; and

2 WHEREAS, Prior to her selection to the House of  
3 Representatives, Rep. Hamilton was on the board of directors  
4 and finance committee and was an executive board member with  
5 Capital Area Realtors (CAR); she has been on the Awards  
6 Selection Task Force and is a current member of the Commercial  
7 Real Estate Network (CREN), where she served as president; she  
8 received the Community Service Award from her peers at CAR;  
9 she was also appointed to the Economic and Community  
10 Development Commission (EDC) starting in 2019; and

11 WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Rep. Hamilton has been a  
12 volleyball coach, helping young women across central Illinois  
13 at the high school level and at Parkland Junior College, where  
14 the team won the national championship; and

15 WHEREAS, Rep. Hamilton earned a bachelor's degree from the  
16 University of Illinois-Champaign, where she played volleyball  
17 on a full-ride athletic scholarship; her team won three Big  
18 Ten Championships and also was a Final Four participant her  
19 junior and senior year; in her senior year at Illinois, she  
20 received the Coaches Award, which was then renamed the Sandy  
21 Scholtens Award and given to the athlete who embodies work  
22 ethic, attitude, and team work; and

1           WHEREAS, Rep. Hamilton plans to continue her community  
2 service and involvement as a volunteer volleyball coach and  
3 booster for Sacred Heart-Griffin High School; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we thank State Representative Sandra "Sandy" Hamilton on her  
7 service to the 99th District and the people of Illinois and  
8 wish her well in her continued public service; and be it  
9 further

10           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Rep. Hamilton as an expression of our esteem and  
12 respect for our colleague and friend.