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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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of Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members the House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate our colleague, State 4 Representative and Assistant Minority Leader Deanne Marie 5 Mazzochi, on her distinguished service to the people of the 47th District and the State of Illinois; and 6

WHEREAS, Rep. Mazzochi has faithfully served the citizens of the 47th District since assuming office in July 2018; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mazzochi is a lifelong Illinois resident; she was born and raised in Villa Park and graduated from Willowbrook High School; she pursued degrees in Political Science and Chemistry at Boston University and then a law degree from George Washington University; she and her husband have raised their family in Elmhurst for more than 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Mazzochi was a founding partner of her firm, specializing in life sciences law, particularly patent litigation in the medical and pharmaceutical arena so that cheaper, generic drugs can be made readily available to the public; and

21 WHEREAS, While continuing her success in the private

sector, Rep. Mazzochi entered the public arena out of concern for the ongoing corruption and bad governance she witnessed in her community and throughout Illinois; she served as a trustee of the College of DuPage Board of Trustees from April 2015 until she was elected chairman of the board in 2016; she spearheaded efforts to strengthen the relationships between the institution and the communities it serves, creating increased economic development partnerships and developing a wide array of vital academic opportunities; she supported efforts to reduce financial burdens to students and local taxpayers and championed tuition and fee cuts as well as property tax freezes with no impact on students and community services; and

WHEREAS, Prior to Rep. Mazzochi's election as chairman, the College of DuPage was put on probation by the Higher Learning Commission over concerns about its integrity and governance; after her election, she immediately set to work on reevaluating the board and the college's administrative policies to promote transparency and right a dysfunctional ship; and

WHEREAS, After resigning from the board to serve in the Illinois State Legislature, Rep. Mazzochi was praised and thanked by the president of the College of DuPage for her dedicated service and exemplary leadership during a difficult

- 1 phase in the institution's history; and
- WHEREAS, While in office, Rep. Mazzochi brought her law 2 3 and science background with her to Springfield, using those 4 legal skills in her role as a fearless and passionate floor 5 seeking effective leader; while and efficient government, she fought for legislative accountability and 6 7 transparency, due process, public safety, education,
- 8 stronger ethics in Illinois; and
- 9 WHEREAS, In recognition of her hard work and leadership, 10 Rep. Mazzochi was appointed to numerous task forces, including 11 the Property Tax Relief Task Force as co-chair and a Special 12 Investigating Committee looking into corruption allegations 13 against then-House Speaker Mike Madigan; she also served as 14 Republican Spokesperson for the House Judiciary and Housing 15 Committees and Assistant Minority Leader at the start of the 102nd General Assembly; and 16
- 17 WHEREAS, Rep. Mazzochi received numerous accolades for her work in Springfield, including Elected Official of the Year by 18 19 Safe Suburbs USA, a Friend of Infrastructure by the 20 Transportation for Illinois Coalition, Champion of Enterprise by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, a Friend of 21 22 Agriculture by the Illinois Farm Bureau, 23 Manufacturing by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, and

1 Champion of Small and Mid-Size Manufacturers Award by the

- 2 Technology and Manufacturing Association; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Rep. Mazzochi was always responsive to the needs
- 4 and concerns of her district, especially in her work to curb
- 5 the excesses of Sterigenics, corrupt red light cameras, and 5G
- 6 tower proliferation; and
- WHEREAS, While in office, Rep. Mazzochi and her staff
- 8 determinedly sought to bring information and services to her
- 9 constituents, hosting dozens of informative events, both
- 10 online and in person during her tenure; 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 thank State Representative and Assistant Minority Leader
- 14 Deanne Marie Mazzochi for her years of dedicated service to
- 15 the 47th District and the State of Illinois; and be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 17 presented to Rep. Mazzochi as an expression of our esteem and
- 18 respect.