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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to honor our colleague, State 4 Representative Frances Ann Hurley, on her 10 years of esteemed 5 service as a member of the Illinois General Assembly and thank 6 her for her dedication to the State and her community; and

WHEREAS, Through her work as a legislator, a volunteer, and a community member, Rep. Hurley has shown her abiding commitment to the Southwest Side, which she has called home her entire life; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving in the General Assembly, Rep. Hurley attended St. Barnabas Elementary School, Mother McAuley High School, and Saint Xavier University; she then worked on behalf of Southwest Side families in the offices of Alderwoman Ginger Rugai and Alderman Matthew O'Shea; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Hurley has served on a number of local boards, working to support the achievements of special-needs athletes on Special Olympics, to ensure access to substance abuse and mental health treatment with Guildhaus, to prevent domestic violence and to advocate for survivors with A New Direction-WINGS, and to support the families of fallen first responders with The 100 Club; and

- 1 WHEREAS, As a legislator, Rep. Hurley has championed many 2 of the same issues that motivated her as a volunteer and 3 community member; she spearheaded the effort to create a 4 Special Olympics lottery ticket in 2014, which continues to 5 raise millions of dollars to serve more than 40,000 Special 6 Olympics athletes; and
- WHEREAS, Rep. Hurley has worked to extend care for young adults with special needs up to the age of 22, and she has worked to secure additional funding for Special Olympics Chicago/Special Children's Charities; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Rep. Hurley has worked to prevent domestic 12 violence and the exploitation of children by passing 13 innovative measures to help hair stylists recognize the signs 14 of abuse and closing a loophole to keep predators out of 15 restaurant playgrounds; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Rep. Hurley has been a strong supporter of police officers and fire fighters, which she has shown through 17 18 chairing the House Police & Fire Committee, passing 19 legislation securing funding for officer mental health resources and for the families of fallen first responders, 20 21 assembling a task force to address officer suicide, and 22 enacting Scott's Law to keep officers safe during highway

- 1 traffic stops; and
- WHEREAS, As a founding member of the Mod Caucus, Rep.
- 3 Hurley has been dedicated to compromise and cooperation; she
- 4 and her fellow moderate lawmakers have worked with colleagues
- 5 across the political spectrum to find common ground and
- 6 improve policy by ensuring independent and centrist voices
- 7 were heard; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Rep. Hurley has celebrated her Irish heritage as
- 9 a member of the Illinois Irish Caucus, as co-chair of the
- 10 National Irish Caucus, and as a board member of the Irish
- 11 Fellowship Club of Chicago; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Rep. Hurley has generously shared her time and
- talents with her community as a girls' softball and volleyball
- 14 coach and as a volunteer for several organizations, including
- 15 the Y-Me Breast Cancer organization, Misericordia, the Chicago
- 16 Police Memorial Run to Remember, Kiwanis, and her parish of
- 17 St. Christina; and
- 18 WHEREAS, All who have had the opportunity to serve
- 19 alongside Rep. Hurley have appreciated her sense of humor, her
- 20 warm friendship, and her commitment to bringing people
- 21 together for the betterment of our State; therefore, be it

- RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
 we honor and thank State Representative Frances Ann Hurley for
 her years of dedicated service, and we wish her the best on her
- 5 future success; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rep. Hurley as an expression of our esteem and respect.