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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Sonali Patil, Ph.D., on her service to the Hawthorn District 73 Board of Education; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Patil has resided in Vernon Hills with her husband and two children for 22 years; she has a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Bombay in India and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Patil served on the Hawthorn District 73 Board of Education from April 2015 to April 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Patil previously served as board president from April 2017 to April 2019; and

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WHEREAS, During her tenure as president, Dr. Patil led the Board of Education through placing the second referendum on the ballot and educating the community about the EFMP, researched options for interim superintendents and guided the board through the subsequent interview and hiring process, considered options and oversaw selection of a search firm while seeking the next superintendent, steered the board through the process of filling two vacancies on the board, and

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1 assisted the board through the superintendent interview and
2 hiring process; she additionally participated in decisions
3 regarding the design of the kindergarten center, now known as
4 Hawthorn School for Young Learners, and approved bids for the
5 project, in negotiating an IGA with the Village of Vernon
6 Hills and Park District to construct the Hawthorn School for
7 Young Learners at the Sullivan Center, and in collective
8 bargaining on behalf of the Board; and

9 WHEREAS, During her time as a board member, Dr. Patil
10 advocated for a more advantageous position for Hawthorn
11 District 73 in current and future TIF districts, remained
12 focused on moving the district towards its goals throughout
13 the COVID-19 pandemic, asked important questions and
14 contributed thoughtfully to discussions, and approved budgets,
15 tax levies, new or better curricular materials, a new
16 strategic plan, and the reissuing bonds to reduce the
17 financial impact of the referendum; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Patil was also an integral member of the Site
19 & Facilities Committee from 2020 to April 2023; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Patil has served Hawthorn District 73 as a
21 constant, passionate advocate for students and taxpayers;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we recognize Sonali Patil, Ph.D., on her service to the
4 Hawthorn District 73 Board of Education, thank her for her
5 commitment to the students and the community, and wish her
6 best in her future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Dr. Patil as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.