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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Joanne Zillman on the occasion of her retirement as deputy director and youth services manager of Batavia Public Library; and

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WHEREAS, Joanne Zillman has worked for Batavia Public Library for 26 years, starting in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, As deputy director of Batavia Public Library, Joanne Zillman has developed community connections and partnerships; she has also represented the library at professional meetings throughout the State; and

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WHEREAS, As manager of the Youth Service Department, Joanne Zillman has provided countless hours of lively programming, including summer and winter reading events, animal visits, after-hours sessions, story times, craft projects, STEAM experiences, babysitting classes, and off-site programs; and

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WHEREAS, Joanne Zillman has been a champion of Born to Read, an early literacy program in which eligible families with new babies receive a free book bag with information on literacy, as well as board books in English or Spanish; and

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1 WHEREAS, Joanne Zillman previously served as part of the
2 management team that planned and opened the new 54,000
3 square-foot library building at 10 South Batavia Avenue in
4 January 2002, a location that prominently highlighted Youth
5 Services with hands-on stations, outdoor program areas, and
6 appropriate technology; and

7 WHEREAS, Joanne Zillman also helped steer Batavia Public
8 Library through the challenges and changes that stemmed from
9 the COVID-19 pandemic; while serving as co-chair of Batavia
10 Counts 2020 amid the U.S. Census, she managed a significant
11 grant to support census efforts, an initiative that was
12 instrumental in Batavia's response rate being 82.9%, compared
13 to the regional response rate of 69.8%; and

14 WHEREAS, Joanne Zillman has been recognized as a Library
15 Leader, an award bestowed biennially to individuals for
16 sustained, outstanding contributions to Batavia Public
17 Library; she is the award's ninth recipient since it was
18 established in 2003; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Joanne Zillman on the occasion of her
22 retirement from Batavia Public Library, and we thank her for

1 her commitment to serving the children and families of the
2 City of Batavia; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Joanne Zillman as an expression of our esteem and
5 respect.