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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Honorable Amy Sholar
4 on her assignment to the Fifth District Appellate Court; and

5 WHEREAS, The Fifth Appellate District hears cases from
6 across 48 counties in the southernmost part of Illinois,
7 including Alexander, Bond, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay,
8 Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar,
9 Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton,
10 Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon,
11 Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry,
12 Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Saline,
13 Shelby, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White,
14 and Williamson; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Sholar, a lifelong resident of Madison
16 County, earned a Bachelor of Arts from Southern Illinois
17 University Edwardsville before continuing her education at St.
18 Louis University, where she received her Juris Doctor in 2001;
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20 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Sholar practiced
21 law, starting her own law practice as a founding partner at
22 Sholar Stephan Law in Alton, where she worked from 2016 to

1 2021; before pursuing private practice, she worked in solo
2 practice at Amy Sholar, P.C., served as planning coordinator
3 for the City of Alton for three years, and served as an intern
4 at Madison County State's Attorney's Office; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Sholar was first appointed to the bench as
6 a Third Circuit Judge on April 30, 2021; she was elected as a
7 Resident Circuit Judge for Madison County in 2022; she also
8 served as the Presiding Judge of the Family Division and was
9 appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve on the
10 Judicial Inquiry Board in May 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Sholar has excelled in every facet of her
12 legal career, earning her several appointments; she was
13 appointed to the Southern Illinois University Board of
14 Trustees by Governor Bruce Rauner, serving on the board from
15 April 2015 to December 2020; during her term, she served as
16 chairperson from 2018 to 2019; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Sholar has been a notable member of several
18 professional associations, including the Illinois State Bar
19 Association, the Madison County Bar Association, and the
20 Alton-Wood River Bar Association, where she formerly served as
21 president and secretary; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Sholar, known for her integrity, fairness,

1 and her diligent, hardworking nature, has exhibited high
2 levels of knowledge, expertise, and professionalism in the
3 delivery of her assignments as a judge; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Sholar, who is married and the mother of
5 two adult children, is a current resident of the Alton/Godfrey
6 area; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the Honorable Amy Sholar on her assignment to
10 the Fifth District Appellate Court, and we recognize the
11 passion, commitment, and invaluable experience she brings to
12 the bench; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we extend our best wishes to Judge Sholar
14 on her recent appointment; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Judge Sholar as an expression of our recognition.