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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Sarah F. King on her
4 installation as president of the Women's Bar Association of
5 Illinois (WBAI); and

6 WHEREAS, The WBAI was first established in 1914 by nine
7 women lawyers practicing in the Chicago metropolitan area; one
8 of the oldest and largest bar associations in the State of
9 Illinois, it serves as an influential voice in promoting the
10 interests and welfare of women in the law, offering mentorship
11 and networking opportunities, career advice, and events that
12 promote and empower women leaders; and

13 WHEREAS, Sarah King, a partner at Clifford Law Offices,
14 P.C., concentrates her practice in representing those who have
15 been catastrophically injured or killed as a result of medical
16 negligence; in a career built over a decade with Clifford Law
17 Offices, she has gained substantial trial experience working
18 cases alongside distinguished attorneys, including the firm's
19 founder, Robert A. Clifford, and senior partner, Keith A.
20 Hebeisen; she takes great pride in her work and has amassed
21 verdicts for her clients totaling nearly \$300 million, and
22 these results include the record birth injury verdict in the
23 State of Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to her leadership roles within the
2 WBAI, Sarah King is the current chair of the Women's Bar
3 Association Political Action Committee; she is also a past
4 president and long-serving board member of Women Everywhere:
5 Partners in Service Project, which is a collaborative effort
6 of lawyers and judges coordinating volunteer activities to
7 help women and children; she remains committed to promoting
8 and advancing women lawyers; to that end, she co-founded the
9 Women's Caucus of the Illinois Trial Lawyer Association
10 (ITLA), and she is also a long-serving member of the ITLA Board
11 of Managers and was elected treasurer for the 2023-2024 term;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Sarah King earned her Bachelor of Arts from
14 Loyola University Chicago in 2008; she earned her Juris Doctor
15 from DePaul University College of Law in 2011, where she was
16 inducted into the Order of the Coif; and

17 WHEREAS, A staunch advocate for women's rights and a
18 supporter of women in law, Sarah King understands the
19 opportunity she has as a woman trial lawyer to create positive
20 changes in the judicial system by fostering equality and
21 inclusion for women both inside and outside the courtroom; the
22 theme for the 2024-2025 bar year is Together, In Service, with
23 a strong focus on serving members through programming and

1 advocacy that advances equality in the legal profession,
2 serving the women of Illinois by aiding in the enactment of
3 legislation that promotes the welfare of women and by giving
4 back to the community through meaningful outreach and
5 volunteer efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, Sarah King will be installed as president of the
7 WBAI for 2024-2025 at its 110th Annual Installation Dinner and
8 Awards Gala at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago on June 27,
9 2024; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Sarah F. King on her installation as president
13 of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois for the 2024-2025
14 bar year, and we wish her all the best in her new position; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Sarah King as an expression of our esteem and
18 respect.