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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Gail Dunkel on her
4 retirement on December 31, 2024 and thank her for her 27 years
5 of dedicated service to the Illinois General Assembly and the
6 people of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Gail Dunkel was born Gail Lynn Jones in
8 Beardstown on January 12, 1964, the sixth child to parents
9 Richard J. Jones and Imogene J. VanHaning; and

10 WHEREAS, Gail Dunkel was raised in Beardstown, where she
11 played three years of high school basketball and two years of
12 high school volleyball and was the captain of the pompom team;
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14 WHEREAS, Gail Dunkel worked as a meat cutter and then meat
15 inspector for Oscar Meyer before joining her sister, Jody, in
16 running a local restaurant, the Side Door Cafe; and

17 WHEREAS, Gail Dunkel is a proud mother of two boys,
18 Brandon and Reese, and she raised them on her own in Arenzville
19 after her husband, Dale E. Dunkel, passed away; and

20 WHEREAS, Gail Dunkel moved to Springfield in 1998 and

1 started her time in the Illinois General Assembly by working
2 for two years at an information desk before moving to the House
3 Post Office in 2000; and

4 WHEREAS, Gail Dunkel, throughout her extensive career with
5 the General Assembly, worked under two House Speakers and
6 three chiefs of staff; and

7 WHEREAS, Gail Dunkel, during her time in the House Post
8 Office, has helped coordinate hundreds of thousands of pieces
9 of mail on behalf of members of the General Assembly; and

10 WHEREAS, Gail Dunkel has been known to everyone who worked
11 with her as a kind and courteous member of staff who was both
12 diligent in her assigned duties and always willing to go
13 beyond her remit to help other people; and

14 WHEREAS, Gail Dunkel is retiring to enjoy her winters in
15 Gulf Shores, Alabama and her summers boating on the Illinois
16 River; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Gail Dunkel on the occasion of her retirement,
20 we thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the
21 Illinois General Assembly and the people of the State of

1 Illinois, and we wish her many happy and healthy retirement
2 years; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be
4 presented to Gail Dunkel as a symbol of our esteem and respect.