

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives congratulate Connie Parker on her retirement
4 as the Centralia Clean and Green Coordinator; and

5 WHEREAS, Connie Parker is the wife of Jack Parker and the
6 mother of four children, Michael, Shannon, Crosby, and
7 Jessica; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker has been involved with the Centralia
9 Clean and Green since 1985; she is responsible for
10 implementing the Clean and Green program (The 3 R's - Reduce,
11 Reuse, and Recycle) in the Centralia School System; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker has worked with well over 1,000
13 volunteers to not only teach but carry out the task of
14 physically picking up "trash"; she was instrumental in
15 organizing the Neighborhood Pick-Up which helps neighborhoods
16 get rid of trash that the City garbage collection will not
17 accept; this program has grown to be greatly appreciated by
18 many of the citizens of Centralia; and

19 WHEREAS, Because of her efforts, Centralia Clean and
20 Green received first place from National Keep American
21 Beautiful in the first three years of Clean and Green's
22 existence; it was the first program to be recognized as
23 outstanding by Keep Illinois Beautiful; the Centralia Clean
24 and Green program has received the St. Mary's Madonna Club
25 Award for community service; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker has been the recipient of the "Woman
27 of the Year" award given by the Canton-Madison County Chamber
28 of Commerce in Mississippi, and she also received the
29 Centralia Business and Professional "Woman of the Year"
30 award; and

31 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker also helped the City of Centralia

1 obtain and keep the status of TreeCity USA; the City has been
2 honored through the Governor's Home Town Award Program
3 because of her hard work and dedication; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker is the midwest representative for
5 the National Keep America Beautiful; she helped coordinate
6 activities to mark the 75th anniversary of women's suffrage;
7 she serves on the United Fund Board; she has served on the
8 St. Mary's Hospital Development Council, the Centralia
9 Chamber of Commerce Board (serving six years as Chairwoman of
10 the Ambassadors); she is a blood drive volunteer for the
11 Centralia Chapter of the American Red Cross, a volunteer for
12 the Centralia Community Benevolent Association food pantry,
13 and a bell ringer for the Salvation Army; she has also been a
14 Tri Chi sponsor and May Fete assistant; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker also served on the Centralia Code
16 Enforcement Advisory Committee, the City Tree Board, the
17 Centralia Parks Advisory Committee, the Marion County Solid
18 Waste Committee, Project Pride, and the INC business awards;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker is a member of the Clinton Co. Solid
21 Waste Advisory Committee and she helped to organize Clean and
22 Green programs in Mt. Vernon, Carlyle, and Carbondale;
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we congratulate Connie Parker on her retirement after many
27 years of dedication and service to the people of the City of
28 Centralia; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Connie Parker as an expression of our respect
31 and esteem.