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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Carol B. Zar on her retirement on June 30, 2004, after 20 years of service as Executive Director of the Illinois City/County Management Association (ILCMA); and

WHEREAS, Carol Zar received a graduate degree in Public Administration and dedicated her life to enriching professional local government management in the State of Illinois by utilizing her leadership skills and talents to serve the membership of ILCMA, which under her leadership has grown to represent more than 450 municipalities and group members; and

WHEREAS, Over her 20 years as Executive Director of ILCMA, she was a tremendous resource for municipal elected officials seeking to understand the principles of good government and how to hire a professional local government executive; she has authored several publications to assist local elected officials including "A Guide to Hiring a Chief Administrator" and "The Case for Hiring a Manager or Administrator"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zar is dedicated to continuing professional education; she prepared and administered 34 statewide conferences to educate working government professionals in Illinois; she also worked closely with the Illinois Municipal League on municipal issues and its statewide conference; and

WHEREAS, She has otherwise touched many students, local government managers, and elected officials with her dedication to democratic principles and high ethical standards in government service; and

WHEREAS, After dedicating 20 years of her life to the

1 principles of honest and professional local government
2 management, she is moving on to become Deputy Director for the
3 Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois
4 University in DeKalb; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Carol B. Zar on her retirement after many years of
8 dedication to the Illinois City/County Management Association
9 and wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Carol B. Zar as an expression of our respect and
13 esteem.