



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Senator Carole  
4 Pankau as she leaves her seat in the House to serve the  
5 citizens of Illinois in the State Senate; and

6 WHEREAS, Born on August 13, 1947, in Valparaiso, Indiana,  
7 she has been married to Anthony John Pankau, Jr. for 37 years  
8 and is the mother of four grown children: John, Jason, Shay,  
9 and Aaron; she has been a resident of Roselle for 27 years and  
10 is a member of St. Walter Roman Catholic Church; and

11 WHEREAS, She was an honors graduate of the University of  
12 Illinois in 1981 and holds a bachelor of science in accounting;  
13 she has held several elected positions, including serving as a  
14 DuPage County Board Member for 8 years, a Keeneyville School  
15 District #20 Board Member for 8 years, a Bloomingdale Township  
16 Republican Organization Precinct #51 Committeeman for 18  
17 years, and as a State Representative for 11 years; and

18 WHEREAS, During her tenure in the House of Representatives,  
19 Senator Pankau worked for change; in 1995, she led efforts to  
20 remove the Employer Trip Reduction (ETR) mandate from the  
21 Chicago severe non-attainment ozone area; she sponsored  
22 several transportation initiatives, and the highlights include  
23 legislation in response to a tragic 1995 bus/train crash in Fox  
24 River Grove, known as the "cop-in-a-box" initiative; a Task  
25 Force to examine a graduated license system; legislation to  
26 permit bikes on Metra trains with an extra fee; legislation  
27 regarding use of airport appropriation funds; and the creation  
28 of the Stop Neuroblastoma license plate and special fund, with  
29 money going to neuroblastoma and cancer research, education,  
30 screening, and treatment; other license plate initiatives she  
31 sponsored include the issuing of Pearl Harbor license plates to  
32 widowed spouses of an Illinois resident who participated in the

1 Battle at Pearl Harbor and no additional original issuance fee  
2 for Bronze Star and Silver Star license plates; and

3 WHEREAS, She was the chief sponsor of legislation  
4 benefiting library districts, employer sponsored daycare, and  
5 citizen review panels for the Department of Children and Family  
6 Services, bringing the State into compliance with the federal  
7 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act; she helped to create  
8 the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002, which  
9 corrected a number of inconsistencies in State law that could  
10 have led to Illinois losing its accreditation as a certified  
11 State appraisal licensing program; and

12 WHEREAS, During her tenure in the House, Senator Pankau  
13 served on several committees; she most recently served as  
14 Republican Spokesman of the Executive Committee and on the  
15 Gaming, Insurance, and Revenue Committees; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Pankau is the former owner-manager of an  
17 auto body/towing business, which she owned for 17 years; she  
18 has been a member of the Chambers of Commerce in Bartlett,  
19 Bloomingdale, Hanover Park, and Roselle; the Bloomingdale  
20 Republican Women's Club; the Illinois Federation of Republican  
21 Women; the National Order of Women Legislators; Zeta Tau Alpha  
22 Sorority at Purdue University; and the Business Advisory Board  
23 of First Suburban National Bank; and

24 WHEREAS, She has been active in her community, serving as a  
25 Past President of the Bloomingdale Township Volunteer Council,  
26 as a DuPage County Health Board Member for 4 years, as a DuPage  
27 Housing Authority member for 4 years, and she has been the  
28 hostess of "In Focus", a cable TV program for the past 12  
29 years; and

30 WHEREAS, Senator Pankau has been the recipient of several  
31 awards, including the "Champion of Local Government" Award

1 given by Suburban Mayors Action Coalition; the "Voice of  
2 Employers" Award given by The Management Association of  
3 Illinois; a 100% rating from the Illinois State Chamber of  
4 Commerce; the "Friend of the Family" Award for her pro-family  
5 voting record in the 1997 session; the Friend of Agriculture  
6 Activator Award in 1994, 1995, and 1996; and she was recognized  
7 by the Illinois Federation for Right to Life, Inc. in 1995;  
8 therefore, be it

9       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 congratulate Senator Carole Pankau on her new position in the  
12 Senate, and we wish her well in her service in that esteemed  
13 chamber; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Senator Pankau as an expression of our deepest  
16 respect and esteem.