



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Director Renee Cipriano is returning to the
3 private sector after almost four years of distinguished public
4 service as the director of the Illinois Environmental
5 Protection Agency (IEPA); and

6 WHEREAS, Director Cipriano was first appointed by Governor
7 George Ryan in August 2001 and reappointed by Governor
8 Blagojevich in January 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, Director Cipriano took over leadership of the
10 state agency responsible for implementation and administration
11 of all environmental laws and programs after a series of key
12 positions in environmental policy and law; she served as an
13 Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney
14 General, Environmental Control Division, from 1988 to 1992, and
15 after three years in private environmental law practice, served
16 as Associate Director and Chief Counsel of the IEPA from 1995
17 to 1997; after returning to private practice for two years, she
18 joined the administration of Governor George H. Ryan as Senior
19 Advisor for Environment and Natural Resources, where she was
20 charged with overseeing legislative and policy development in
21 several state agencies, as well as liaison to numerous
22 constituent groups; she also headed the Governor's Environment
23 and Natural Resources Cabinet and the Balanced Growth Cabinet;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Recently, Director Cipriano was appointed by
26 Governor Blagojevich to serve on a Special Task Force on the
27 Condition and Future of the Illinois Energy Infrastructure; and

28 WHEREAS, Under her leadership, the IEPA has launched
29 several initiatives to reach out to citizens, industry, local
30 governments, and advocacy groups in improving the State's
31 environment; they include a major initiative to reduce mercury;

1 "green chemistry" and hazardous waste collections from schools
2 and other educational outreach programs; encouraging renewable
3 energy and clean coal technology; the nationally-recognized
4 "Green Pays on Green Days" citizen awareness campaign to reduce
5 sources of air pollution; new watershed management approaches;
6 an Environmental Justice Policy; and creative and innovative
7 renewal of regulatory, enforcement, and compliance programs;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Director Cipriano is a graduate of Loyola
10 University in Chicago and its School of Law; she also serves on
11 its Council of Regents; she has lectured on environmental
12 matters to many groups, authored several articles, and served
13 in leadership capacities in several professional
14 organizations; in 2002, she was honored with the David Award
15 from the Italo-American National Union, David Society; and

16 WHEREAS, Director Cipriano's vast knowledge of
17 environmental law and programs, excellent people skills, and
18 sensitivity to both protecting the environment and encouraging
19 economic development has served the people of Illinois well;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we thank IEPA Director Renee Cipriano for her years of
24 distinguished public service to the people of Illinois and wish
25 her all the best in her future endeavors; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to Director Renee Cipriano as an expression of our
28 utmost respect and esteem.