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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Colleen McShane on her
4 retirement as president of the Illinois Restaurant
5 Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Colleen McShane was appointed President of the
7 Illinois Restaurant Association in December 1993; the Illinois
8 Restaurant Association is the leading trade association for
9 Illinois' \$18 billion foodservice industry, and members
10 represent more than 6,000 foodservice outlets throughout the
11 State; and

12 WHEREAS, As President, Colleen was responsible for
13 fulfilling the Association's mission to operate an
14 organization of all foodservice enterprises in the State, to
15 promote and strengthen the industry, to champion industry
16 concerns and interests before government entities, to provide
17 leadership and education, and to be of service to the
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, During Colleen's tenure, the Illinois Restaurant
20 Association developed a program and curriculum materials for
21 the first food service management school-to-work program
22 called ProStart; subsequently, the National Restaurant

1 Association Educational Foundation made hospitality
2 school-to-careers a national initiative; since its pilot, the
3 program has expanded from one state to 43 states, and, in
4 Illinois, grown from 100 students in six schools to more than
5 2000 students in 47 schools; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition, the Illinois Restaurant Association
7 is contracted by the Chicago Mayor's Office of Special Events
8 to manage the food and beverage portion of the Taste of Chicago
9 and other major summer music festivals; and

10 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Illinois Restaurant
11 Association, Colleen worked as the Director of Public Affairs
12 for the City of Chicago's Department of Aviation for five
13 years; prior to this, she served for four years as the
14 Community Affairs Department liaison for the Cook County States
15 Attorney's Office.; and

16 WHEREAS, Colleen is the past President of the International
17 Society of Restaurant Association Executives, Vice Chair of
18 V.I.S.I.T. Illinois and the American Institute of Wine and
19 Food; she serves on the Board of Trustees for the National
20 Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, the Board of
21 Directors for the National Restaurant Association, the
22 Foodservice Professionals Network of Chicago, the Chicago
23 Workforce Development Board, the Governor's Labor Advisory

1 Board, and she is a member of the American Society of
2 Association Executives; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Colleen McShane on her retirement and wish her
6 continued success in her future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Colleen McShane as a symbol of our respect.