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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize the public service
4 dedication and accomplishments of former Illinois State
5 Representative Maureen Murphy from Evergreen Park; and

6 WHEREAS, Maureen Murphy has committed her life to her
7 family, the Catholic faith, public service, and the Republican
8 Party; and

9 WHEREAS, She grew up in Evergreen Park and still lives on
10 the same block she grew up on; she has been married to her
11 loving husband Jack for 37 years; she has four successful boys,
12 Jason, Shaun, Michael, and Matthew, a wonderful
13 daughter-in-law Kelly, and four grandchildren, Brennah, Mary
14 Margaret (Maggie), Jack, and Nathan; and

15 WHEREAS, Maureen has a lifelong devotion to the Catholic
16 Church, attending Queen of Martyrs grammar school and Mother of
17 Sorrows High School in Blue Island; she attends Mass at her
18 home parish of Queen of Martyrs daily; and

19 WHEREAS, Maureen started her career in public service with
20 her election to the Evergreen Park High School Board in 1982, a
21 position she held for 10 years; she was elected to a 4 year

1 term as Worth Township Clerk in 1985; and

2 WHEREAS, Maureen was elected State Representative for the
3 36th District in 1992, where she became spokesperson and
4 chairman of the House Revenue Committee; she championed the
5 rights of taxpayers by sponsoring the Cook County Property Tax
6 Cap Law and Cook County Property Assessment Reform; she fought
7 for Property Tax Appeal Board jurisdiction for all Cook County
8 taxpayers, and took an active role in spearheading Chicago
9 School Reform; and

10 WHEREAS, Maureen continued her commitment to fiscal
11 responsibility and taxpayer rights by serving two consecutive
12 4-year terms as First District Commissioner of the Cook County
13 Board of Review, helping ensure fair property assessments for
14 homeowners and business owners; and

15 WHEREAS, Maureen has been a faithful advocate for the
16 Republican Party and its candidates, serving as Worth Township
17 Committeeman since 1994, Cook County Republican Party
18 Chairman, State Central Committeeman from the 1st
19 Congressional District, Delegate to three G.O.P. national
20 conventions, Co-Chairman of the 1994 Republican State
21 Convention, and President of the Evergreen Park Republican
22 Organization; and

1 WHEREAS, Maureen is currently a successful businesswoman
2 with her Irish import store, Shannon Imports, and a realtor;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Maureen is universally recognized as a strong
5 willed fighter who has accomplished many firsts for women in
6 Illinois government and politics, which she achieved without
7 sacrificing her ideals or her devotion to her family and faith;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 honor Maureen Murphy for the many contributions, past, present,
12 and future, she has made or will make to Illinois public
13 service; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Maureen as a symbol of our admiration and respect.