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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Elizabeth Arts on  
4 being named the Western Springs 2008 Woman of the Year; and

5           WHEREAS, After her two daughters and son were married  
6 within a three-year period, Elizabeth was ready for a new  
7 project, the Ekdahl House; she led a team of Historical Society  
8 trustees in the development of a plan to save, move, and  
9 restore the 1887 Ekdahl building as an outdoor community  
10 museum; and

11           WHEREAS, With her talent for organizing, she was able to  
12 convince not only the Historical Society trustees that the  
13 building should be saved but also the Village Board to locate  
14 the building on Village-owned property; Elizabeth has been a  
15 member of the Historical Society for ten years and chaired the  
16 Preservation Awards Committee; she redesigned the program and  
17 evaluation process, secured the sponsorship of the Doings  
18 newspaper, and planned the awards receptions; and

19           WHEREAS, Elizabeth is on the Women's Board of the Mercy  
20 Home for Girls and Boys, which promotes education and  
21 scholarships for young people; with Easter Seals of Metro  
22 Chicago, she has helped coordinate a program between autistic

1 children at the Therapeutic School for Autism Research and a  
2 Chicago charter school stressing career opportunities; another  
3 project was a socialization program between higher functioning  
4 autistic boys and 7th and 8th grade boys; and

5 WHEREAS, During the 35 years that she and her husband,  
6 Dave, have lived in Western Springs, she has been a Girl Scout  
7 leader, a Little League team mother, a CCD teacher at St. John  
8 of the Cross, co-chair of the St. John's Health Committee, and  
9 a volunteer in their program to visit the elderly; she serves  
10 as a reading mother to the Cayman International School, where  
11 her daughter and family reside, via Skype; and

12 WHEREAS, She was raised in New York and met her husband  
13 while she attended St. Francis University in Joliet; she is a  
14 registered nurse and earned her master's and Ph.D. in clinical  
15 psychology from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology  
16 in Chicago; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 congratulate Elizabeth Arts and wish her the best in her future  
20 endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to Elizabeth Arts as a symbol of our respect.