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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Tami Sender, President and CEO of the Greater
3 Joliet YMCA, has been a staff member of the Joliet YMCA for the
4 past 25 years and has had a tremendous positive impact on the
5 community in her roles as a program director and branch
6 director; she became the first female CEO in the Joliet YMCA's
7 history in 2003 and initiated the construction of the first new
8 YMCA in the area in over 28 years; she announced her retirement
9 from the YMCA and retired on December 31, 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, The C.W. Avery Family YMCA, located in Plainfield,
11 represents the realization of Tami's vision, dating back to
12 1995; at that time, she began before and after-school programs
13 in the Plainfield District 202 schools; beginning in three
14 schools, the program, called Kid Zone, today serves over 650
15 children in 15 schools in Plainfield alone; and

16 WHEREAS, Tami put together a plan that allowed the YMCA to
17 swap land with the Board of Education of District 202 and as a
18 part of this plan, the schools and the Y worked out an
19 agreement that provided for continued before and after school
20 programming in the schools; it created a campus concept where
21 the new Y sits adjacent to existing schools and share
22 facilities, land, and services; and it set down guidelines for
23 facility use with both the schools and the park district; and

1 WHEREAS, Tami worked with the City of Joliet and Councilman
2 Joe Shetina on a grant for \$15,000 that allowed the YMCA to do
3 a community and feasibility study; she worked with Illinois
4 State Representative Tom Cross on a \$250,000 State grant for
5 land; she worked with past Plainfield Mayor Dick Rock as well
6 as current Mayor Jim Waldorf to ensure that the needs of the
7 village were being met; and she worked with Superintendent John
8 Harper of District 202 to ensure the long term needs of
9 children and families in the after school program would be met;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In addition, she worked with the Plainfield Park
12 District on a green space agreement that would ensure shared
13 use of community, YMCA, and district land for years to come;
14 she also worked with Provena St. Joseph Medical Center and
15 current CFO Jeff Brickman to partner by providing space for
16 Provena to run physical therapy and rehabilitation services in
17 the new facility; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2006 the C.W. Avery Family YMCA opened its
19 doors to the community; Tami also overlooked the renaming of
20 the YMCA branch on Briggs Street in Joliet to the Arthur and
21 Vera Smith Family YMCA; and

22 WHEREAS, Tami worked from Program Director to Executive

1 Director to President and CEO of the YMCA, and began to focus
2 on the mission of the YMCA, "to provide high quality, values
3 driven programs all of the time to everyone"; during her career
4 she has seen participant numbers increase, facilities have
5 closed, facilities have been renovated, and a new YMCA was
6 built; through her hard work, the Greater Joliet YMCA has
7 continued to grow and become an important part of the
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2006 Tami was awarded the Association of YMCA
10 Professionals "Director of the Year" award for her
11 achievements; she was chosen by the Women's Bar Association as
12 a "Woman with Vision" in 2003; she was interviewed by CNN
13 Newsmakers in 2007 for her work in Will County; and she was
14 honored by the Greater Joliet YMCA in August of 2009 for her
15 then 25 years of dedicated service to the people of the Greater
16 Joliet area; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate and honor Tami Sender for her hard work and
20 dedication to the people of Joliet, Will County, and the
21 surrounding areas through her years of hard work with the YMCA
22 and wish her the best in her retirement; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Tami Sender as a symbol of our sincere respect and
2 esteem.