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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Melissa McCarthy
4 for winning the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy
5 Series as Molly Flynn in the CBS sitcom *Mike & Molly*; and

6 WHEREAS, Melissa was raised on a farm in Plainfield, in a
7 "big, Irish-Catholic family"; she graduated from Joliet
8 Catholic Academy (Formerly St. Francis Academy) in Joliet; her
9 former classmates say she was always "funny and witty" in the
10 classroom and would add one-liners to any conversation; her
11 career started with stand-up comedy and includes film,
12 television, and theater; and

13 WHEREAS, At the beginning of her career in 1997, she
14 appeared in an episode of the NBC comedy series *Jenny*; later,
15 she had supporting roles in the films *The Kid*, *Charlie's*
16 *Angels, Go*, *The Third Wheel*, and *The Life of David Gale*; she
17 also did voice work in 3 episodes of *Kim Possible*, where she
18 played DNamy; she may be most well known for her role of Sookie
19 St. James, Lorelai Gilmore's best friend on *The Gilmore Girls*;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, In the midst of her career, Melissa married her
22 longtime boyfriend, Ben Falcone, who is also an actor; they

1 have 2 daughters, Vivian and Georgette; while pregnant with
2 Vivian, her pregnancy was written into the Gilmore Girls
3 script; and

4 WHEREAS, In her most recent work she has played character
5 roles in *The Back-Up Plan*, *Life as We Know It*, and the
6 successful and critically lauded film, *Bridesmaids*; since
7 2010, she has played a leading role as Molly Flynn in *Mike and*
8 *Molly*, for which she won her Emmy; and

9 WHEREAS, Residents in her home town say that Melissa has
10 not forgotten where she came from and has not changed at all;
11 her Emmy acceptance speech mentioned her home town of
12 Plainfield; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Melissa McCarthy for receiving the Emmy Award
16 for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Melissa McCarthy as a symbol of our respect and
20 esteem.