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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Patricia A.
4 Murphy, who is retiring from the City of Chicago after
5 providing over 30 years of dedicated service, exclusively with
6 the Council Division of the Office of the City Clerk; and

7 WHEREAS, She began her tenure back in 1980, when the late
8 Honorable Lemuel Austin Jr., 34th Ward Alderman, took a chance
9 and gave her an opportunity in city government; the only
10 in-house staff person selected to serve in the then new word
11 processing section, she went on to become the resident
12 problem-solver for both operational and procedural
13 difficulties; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite the fact that all staff members were
15 trained in new system updates, she was consistently the most
16 conversant with and became the resource person for new
17 associated procedures; as the Index Editor who leads by
18 example, she has made a personal and substantial contribution
19 to the enhancement of the professionalism of her colleagues and
20 instilled in them a sense of enthusiasm and teamwork that
21 resulted in the consistent achievement of publication
22 deadlines for the Guide to Legislation and the Index to the
23 Journal of Proceedings; and

1 WHEREAS, On her own initiative, she analyzed the document
2 flow originating with the City Council, funneled through the
3 Office of the City Clerk, and the various city council
4 committees; as a consequence of this analysis, she developed
5 procedural changes which responded to the time sensitive nature
6 of the document flow by ensuring that the city council
7 committees received their documents significantly sooner than
8 under the previous process; and

9 WHEREAS, Pat Murphy has managed the day-to-day operations
10 of the document reference and review section; she was the
11 custodian of all legislation passed by the city council as well
12 as being responsible for all historic documents; her
13 development and implementation of specialized recordkeeping
14 programs significantly enhanced the responsiveness and
15 accuracy of the office vis-a-vis research requests generated by
16 city officials and the public; and

17 WHEREAS, Due to her reservoir of historical information,
18 breadth of technical expertise, and unwavering consistency
19 under deadline pressure, she is the chief resource person, and
20 as a consequence of her encyclopedic memory and the specialized
21 document search tools and logs she developed, she is the
22 primary legislative research specialist of the Office of the
23 City Clerk; and

1 WHEREAS, She was nominated twice for the Kathy Osterman
2 Award for outstanding City Service and on August 12, 2001, was
3 featured in the Chicago Tribune "Working on the Job" section
4 and classified as a "Troubleshooter" for her vast amount of
5 responsibilities; and

6 WHEREAS, As the Assistant Managing Editor of the Council
7 Division, she is responsible for assisting in the monitoring of
8 staff assignments in the reproduction of legislative documents
9 for the publication of the Council Journal of Proceedings; she
10 is the primary person responsible for recording all aldermanic
11 votes and related notes at city council meetings with the City
12 Clerks' new document management system; and

13 WHEREAS, In retirement, she can now exhale, enjoy her
14 daughter, Bianca, and little Ms. Azuria, her outspoken and
15 animated 3-year old granddaughter; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Patricia Murphy on her retirement and wish her
19 all the best in her future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Patricia Murphy as a symbol of our respect and

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1 esteem.