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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Diane O'Keefe on  
4 the occasion of her retirement after 31 years of service with  
5 the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

6           WHEREAS, Diane O'Keefe served as the Deputy Director of  
7 Highways, District One Regional Engineer of the Illinois  
8 Department of Transportation; she was one of the first women in  
9 the State to serve as a Regional Engineer; in this capacity,  
10 she oversaw the largest district of the Department of  
11 Transportation, covering Cook, Lake, DuPage, Will, McHenry,  
12 and Kane Counties, including the City of Chicago; and

13           WHEREAS, Diane O'Keefe spent 14 years in construction  
14 before beginning program development and overseeing the  
15 preliminary engineering functions of project design, plan  
16 preparation, and right of way acquisition; she subsequently  
17 became the District 3 Engineer and oversaw all elements of the  
18 State highway transportation system for an 11-county area in  
19 North Central Illinois before returning to District One; and

20           WHEREAS, Diane O'Keefe earned her bachelor's degree in  
21 civil engineering from Michigan Technological University; she  
22 is a registered professional engineer in Illinois, and is a

1 former recipient of the ASCE Young Government Civil Engineer of  
2 the Year Award, IDOT's Outstanding Service Award, IDOT's Award  
3 of Merit for Professional Excellence, and the 2008 APWA Chicago  
4 Chapter award for Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year;  
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 the members of this body, in particular the women members of  
9 the Illinois House of Representatives, congratulate Diane  
10 O'Keefe on the occasion of her retirement, thank her for her  
11 dedication to the State of Illinois, and wish her success and  
12 happiness in her future endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Diane O'Keefe as a symbol of our esteem and  
15 respect.