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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize the installation of  
4 Eugena Whitson-Owen as the president of the Women's Bar  
5 Association of Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Eugena Whitson-Owen joined the law firm, Kurt E.  
7 Olsen, a member company of Zurich Insurance Group; she  
8 practices in all areas of civil defense litigation,  
9 concentrating on the defense of matters arising out of  
10 construction and product liability having tried numerous cases  
11 before a jury in both State and federal courts; and

12           WHEREAS, Eugena Whitson-Owen is very active in local and  
13 State bar associations, including the Women's Bar Association  
14 of Illinois, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the  
15 Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel; and

16           WHEREAS, Eugena Whitson-Owen was recognized in 2008 and  
17 2009 as an Illinois Rising Star by Law & Politics magazine and  
18 as one of the "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" by  
19 the Law Bulletin Publishing Company; she has also been  
20 recognized by the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel  
21 with its Meritorious Service Award; and

1           WHEREAS, Eugena Whitson-Owen received her law degree in  
2           1996 from the John Marshall Law School; prior to joining Kurt  
3           E. Olsen, she was a partner at the law firm of SmithAmundsen  
4           and an equity partner and owner of Moore, Strickland, &  
5           Whitson-Owen; and

6           WHEREAS, Eugena Whitson-Owen will be sworn in as the  
7           Women's Bar Association of Illinois President at its Centennial  
8           Gala Installation Dinner, which will take place on June 6, 2014  
9           at the Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier in Chicago; this year's  
10          theme is "Building on Our Legacy"; therefore, be it

11          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12          NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13          we recognize and congratulate Eugena Whitson-Owen on the  
14          occasion of becoming President of the Women's Bar Association  
15          of Illinois and wish her all the best as she assumes the  
16          position; and be it further

17          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18          presented to Eugena Whitson-Owen as an expression of our esteem  
19          and respect.