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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Elaine P. Edwards on her
4 retirement from the Social Security Administration after 38
5 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Elaine Edwards began her career at the Social
7 Security Administration on September 24, 1978; during her
8 career, she has served as a File Clerk (1978-1981), a Cash
9 Clerk (1981-1982), an Accounting Technician (1982-1984), Lead
10 Accounting Technician (1984-1989), and Legal Admin. Specialist
11 Benefit Authorizer (1989-2004); in February of 2004, she became
12 a Social Insurance Specialist - Claim Specialist, where she
13 served until her retirement; and

14 WHEREAS, As a Social Insurance Specialist - Claim
15 Specialist, Elaine Edwards made determinations regarding
16 entitlement for benefits under Retirement, Survivors, and
17 Disability (Title 2) and Medicare (Title 18); she made final
18 determinations on all types of complex claims, which included
19 workers' compensation, hearing and appeals, capability issues,
20 and railroad issues; she would process the cases under the
21 proper application of the laws, regulations, policies, and
22 procedures of the Social Security Act; she has mentored newly
23 trained Claim Authorizers, guided them to further develop their

1 skills in analyzing, reviewing, and making determinations, and
2 processing all work by reading the policy and procedures of the
3 Social Security Act; she also resolved issues including
4 self-employment earnings, questionable retirement, and
5 non-covered earnings that include entitlement to a federal,
6 state, local or foreign pension, and prepared formal and
7 informal determinations relating the facts, evidence and
8 issues in accordance with the provisions of the Social Security
9 Act; and

10 WHEREAS, Elaine Edwards has received numerous awards and
11 recognitions for being an outstanding employee during her
12 tenure at the Social Security Administration, including 16
13 Exemplary Contributions or Service Awards, five Recognition of
14 Contribution Awards, four Quality Step Increases, a Regional
15 Commissioner's Citation, six On the Spot Awards, a Hammer
16 Award, and an Executive Recognition of Contribution; and

17 WHEREAS, Elaine Edwards serves as a model of hard work,
18 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
19 Illinois; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate Elaine P. Edwards on the occasion of her
23 retirement and wish her continued success and happiness in the

1 future; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Elaine Edwards as a symbol of our esteem and
4 respect.