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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Barbara J. Williams on 28 years of dedicated service to the Village of Vernon Hills; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Williams served as Village Trustee from 1981 to 1989; in 1989, she was elected Village President, serving until 1993; in 2001, she once more was elected as Village Trustee; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Williams was instrumental in bringing Metra train service to Vernon Hills; and

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WHEREAS, During her tenure, Barbara Williams witnessed the construction of the village hall; the Vernon Hills High School; the Aspen Drive Library; the Vernon Hills Post Office; expansion and remodeling of the police department and public works buildings; development of the Gregg's Landing and AMLI at Museum Gardens; expansion of Hawthorn Mall; Aspen Pointe; the Shoppes at Gregg's Landing; the extension of Fairway Drive; the construction of affordable senior housing at Victory Center; the Village's contributions to Vernon Hills Park District to expand Century Park, renovate the Kids Kastle playground, and acquire the Lakeview Fitness Center; and implementation of the Village's strategic plans; and

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1 WHEREAS, Barbara Williams supported economic development
2 activities that resulted in the Vernon Hills Town Center and
3 the Mellody Farm TIF Districts, and the use of multiple
4 economic incentive agreements to strengthen the retail base;
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6 WHEREAS, As a trustee, Barbara Williams worked with her
7 fellow board members to maintain a strong Village budget and to
8 fund a reserve that resulted in the Village achieving an AAA
9 bond rating from Moody's and Standard and Poor's, and never had
10 to levy a property tax; and

11 WHEREAS, Barbara Williams recognized the importance of
12 having a highly trained workforce at all levels and was
13 supportive of professional development and ensuring that
14 employees had the knowledge and equipment to do their jobs when
15 assisting residents and customers; and

16 WHEREAS, During her years of service, Barbara Williams also
17 developed a keen eye for signage and logos that ensured new
18 signs were placed in keeping with the character of the Village;
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20 WHEREAS, Barbara Williams plans to move to North Carolina
21 to be close to her daughter, Cindy, her son-in-law, Dan, and

1 her beloved grandchildren; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 recognize Barbara J. Williams on 28 years of dedicated service
5 to the Village of Vernon Hills, and we wish her the best in all
6 her future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Barbara Williams as a symbol of our respect and
9 esteem.