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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Joann Lindholm on the  
4 occasion of her retirement as the proprietor of Fresh Starts;  
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6           WHEREAS, Joann Lindholm opened up Fresh Starts in 1986 in  
7 historic downtown Flossmoor, where she worked day and night,  
8 establishing a wholesale and retail bakery, a gourmet food  
9 store, and a catering operation; and

10           WHEREAS, Fresh Starts became Joann Lindholm's passion  
11 along with her husband, Dale Lindholm, and son, Erik Lindholm,  
12 who were always willing to help whenever needed; as patrons  
13 wanted more services, they changed from a gourmet food store to  
14 a full service restaurant; and

15           WHEREAS, Fresh Starts is a small, intimate restaurant which  
16 seats up to 60 people for lunch or dinner; Joann Lindholm  
17 maintained the full-service, off-premise catering operation  
18 which was known for featuring enticing, unusual food; in 2009,  
19 Fresh Starts began to offer local farm-grown items, one of the  
20 first south suburban restaurants featuring the "farm to table"  
21 freshness and sustainability concept; and

1           WHEREAS, Fresh Starts has garnered numerous awards for its  
2           fabulous recipes; the restaurant has received rave reviews in  
3           the Chicago Tribune, the Star Newspaper, the Daily Southtown,  
4           Chicago Magazine, and the Sun Times; it was featured on the  
5           nationally syndicated PBS program, "Check, Please"; and

6           WHEREAS, Joann Lindholm has been the sole owner of Fresh  
7           Starts for almost 20 years and has dedicated her life to its  
8           customers, quality products, and dedicated staff who are very  
9           much her "family"; Fresh Starts will be acquired by two of her  
10          longtime employees who will keep the great dining experience  
11          going; and

12          WHEREAS, The drive and determination of Joanne Lindholm and  
13          her husband have turned a small restaurant into an iconic  
14          Flossmoor institution that has been recognized throughout the  
15          region as a wonderful dining experience; both they and the  
16          restaurant have been important fixtures in the Southland region  
17          and are recognized and thanked by many who consider them  
18          community treasures; therefore, be it

19          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20          HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21          congratulate Joann Lindholm on her retirement as the proprietor  
22          of Fresh Starts and we wish her the best in all her future  
23          endeavors; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Joann Lindholm as an expression of our esteem and  
3 respect.