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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Sybil Mervis on receiving the Illiana Genealogical & Historical Society Foundation's annual historical preservation award; and

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WHEREAS, The Foundation annually recognizes a deserving individual who has made significant contributions to preserve local history; and

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WHEREAS, Sybil Mervis moved to Danville 60 years ago when she married Louis Mervis and has been an integral community volunteer and leader for the last six decades; this recognition highlights her steadfast commitment and outstanding accomplishments regarding historical preservation on the local and family level; and

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WHEREAS, An author, writer, and memoirist, Sybil Mervis has published several books, articles, and pamphlets on local and family history; her latest book, In the Middle, details her youth growing up in Bloomington; she also penned A Great Depression Courtship, about the early lives and courtship of her parents; she painstakingly researched the histories of the Jewish communities of Danville and Attica, Indiana, which were published in various media, including The Heritage magazine of

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1 the Vermilion County Museum Society, booklets, and a chapter of
2 History of Fountain County, Indiana; researching the history of
3 her family farm's property near Potomac, she wrote What the
4 River Hid, the story of the Meneley Mill on the Middlefork
5 River; she has written multiple pamphlets on family history, as
6 well as a biography of her late mother-in-law, the Life of
7 Martha Mervis; she researched the history of the Danville
8 Public Library, which was published in articles in The
9 Heritage; she also co-wrote two local civic booklets, Know Your
10 City and Danville Digest of Local Government; and

11 WHEREAS, Sybil Mervis is recognized for her contributions
12 in the area of historical preservation, which have been
13 integrated with her decades-long involvement as a tireless
14 advocate for the Danville Public Library, the Vermilion County
15 Museum, and local education; she has devoted many hours of
16 volunteer time and generously supported these areas over the
17 years; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate Sybil Mervis on receiving the Illiana
21 Genealogical & Historical Society Foundation's annual
22 historical preservation award, and we recognize her
23 contributions to preserving the history of our State; and be it
24 further

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