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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor their colleague, State Rep. Barbara Wheeler, for her tenure in the Illinois General Assembly and thank her for her service to the people of the 64th District and the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Wheeler is a true Illinoisan, having been born and raised in Lake County; she received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Loyola University and a Master of Education, Language, and Literacy from National Louis University in Chicago; she settled her family in Crystal Lake; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Wheeler's career of service began as a Peace Corps volunteer and continued as a public school teacher at North Elementary School in Crystal Lake; she was elected to the McHenry County Board in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, As a board member, Rep. Wheeler advocated for local conservation efforts and was awarded the Theta Award from the McHenry County Environmental Defenders; in fighting for fiscal responsibility, she improved the county bond rating to Aaa during her tenure; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2012, Rep. Wheeler was elected by the people of
2 the 64th District as their State Representative; since then she
3 has strived to bring forth legislation for fiscal
4 responsibility, public safety, bringing jobs back to Illinois,
5 and the conservation of the Fox River Valley; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Wheeler worked to find common ground with
7 members of both parties to implement significant policies to
8 help eliminate senseless violence; she served on the
9 bipartisan, bicameral Legislative Public Safety Working Group;
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11 WHEREAS, Rep. Wheeler advocated for a comprehensive
12 approach to public safety that would take positive steps
13 towards a safer environment for her constituents while
14 respecting the rights of law abiding citizens, passing
15 legislation to prevent gun violence by expanding the Stalking
16 No Contact Order Act and tightening mental health restrictions
17 in FOID law; and

18 WHEREAS, As a champion of the rights of human trafficking
19 victims, Rep. Wheeler passed the Human Trafficking Resource
20 Center Notice Act and worked tirelessly to end the scourge of
21 modern day slavery in Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, Rep. Wheeler has enjoyed working cooperatively

1 with fellow members, advocates, and the diligent staff that
2 populate the statehouse every spring and fall; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Wheeler served honorably in the Illinois
4 General Assembly while continuing to be a devoted mother to
5 four girls and one son; she has also served her community as an
6 active member and volunteer at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic
7 Church; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 honor and congratulate State Rep. Barbara Wheeler for her work
11 in the Illinois House of Representatives and for her years of
12 service to the 64th District; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Rep. Wheeler as an expression of our respect along
15 with our best wishes for the bright future ahead of her.