



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives offer our sincere appreciation to Jill Garrett
4 for her tenure as Chairperson of the Illinois Council on
5 Developmental Disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, Jill worked with the Council on Developmental
7 Disabilities for approximately 9 years prior to being appointed
8 Chairperson in 1999; and

9 WHEREAS, Her tireless efforts have lead to countless
10 improvements within the Council and in the developmental
11 disability community; and

12 WHEREAS, Jill's guidance lead to the restructuring of
13 committees within the Council so that committees would be used
14 more effectively and would be better able to function; and

15 WHEREAS, Under Jill's leadership the Council released the
16 "Gettings Report" that examined Illinois' services and care for
17 the developmentally disabled; and

18 WHEREAS, Jill has proudly championed the creation and
19 implementation of the Illinois Life Span which is the Statewide
20 information and advocacy coordination system for individuals
21 with developmental disabilities and their families; and

22 WHEREAS, Individuals can now receive all the information
23 needed about services for the disabled by calling one phone
24 number for Illinois Life Span; and

25 WHEREAS, Jill's commitment to the disabled community is so
26 strong that she will continue to serve on several committees
27 with the Council; and

1 WHEREAS, She skillfully organized a seamless transition
2 for the new leadership by working with the new Chairperson and
3 the Council to insure that there would be no disruption in
4 carrying out the mission of organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Jill's passion for helping those with
6 disabilities has led to the development of landmark reforms
7 aimed at helping those with disabilities live full and happy
8 lives; and

9 WHEREAS, The developmental disability community, Illinois
10 Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the entire State
11 sincerely appreciate the countless hours she has devoted to
12 reforming the services and care provided to the disabled;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 do hereby offer our appreciation to Jill Garrett; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Jill Garrett and her family.