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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Mary Ann Lelys on
4 celebrating 50 years of employment with the Illinois Department
5 of Insurance on July 17, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Lelys began her career at the Illinois
7 Department of Insurance in Springfield on July 17, 1967,
8 shortly after graduating from Springfield High School; and

9 WHEREAS, During Mary Ann Lelys' initial interview with
10 Frances Martin, he told her that she needed experience to
11 assume the secretarial position he was seeking to fill; she
12 replied, "How will I ever get experience if you don't give me
13 an opportunity by hiring me?" and the next day he called to
14 offer her the position; and

15 WHEREAS, Since July of 1967, Mary Ann Lelys has served in
16 numerous clerical support capacities within the department;
17 currently she is an administrative assistant in the
18 department's legal division; and

19 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Lelys has served under 10 governors,
20 beginning with Governor Otto Kerner to Governor Bruce Rauner;
21 she has served under 25 department directors, from John Bolton

1 Jr. to Director Jennifer Walch Hammer; and

2 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Lelys has always enjoyed her employment
3 with the Department and particularly appreciates Frances
4 Martin for giving her the chance back in 1967 to have a
5 lifelong career with the Illinois Department of Insurance; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Lelys is a member of the Springfield
7 Orchid Society, the Sangamon County Historical Society, the
8 Lithuanian-American Club of Springfield, and the Illinois
9 Audubon Society; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Lelys enjoys gardening, sunbathing, and
11 taking care of her Cockatoo and African Grey Parrots; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Lelys has been married to Michael for 47
13 years, who is the Director of the Oak Ridge Cemetery in
14 Springfield; they have one son, Christopher, who also works for
15 the Illinois Department of Insurance; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate Mary Ann Lelys on celebrating 50 years of
19 employment with the Illinois Department of Insurance; and be it
20 further

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