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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Fourth District Appellate  
4 Court Justice M. Carol Pope of Petersburg on the occasion of  
5 her retirement on August 1, 2017; and

6           WHEREAS, Justice Pope received her undergraduate degree  
7 from the University of Illinois, where she graduated Phi Beta  
8 Kappa, magna cum laude, and was named to the Bronze Tablet, the  
9 university's highest recognition of academic excellence, in  
10 1975; she obtained her Juris Doctor, with honor, from DePaul  
11 University School of Law in 1979, where she was an editor of  
12 the Law Review; and

13           WHEREAS, Justice Pope served as a law clerk to United  
14 States District Judge J. Waldo Ackerman in the Central District  
15 of Illinois from 1979 to 1983; from 1983 to 1984, she was an  
16 attorney with Mayer, Brown and Platt in Chicago; she was  
17 elected Menard County State's Attorney in 1984 and 1988; in  
18 1991, she was appointed a resident circuit judge of Menard  
19 County by the Supreme Court of Illinois and was elected to that  
20 position in 1992 and retained in 1998, 2004, and 2010; she was  
21 assigned to the Appellate Court on December 1, 2008 and elected  
22 to a full term in 2012; and

1           WHEREAS, Justice Pope served as chair of the Supreme  
2 Court's Committee on Strategic Planning for three years; she is  
3 a past president of the Illinois Judges Association and served  
4 as a member of the Executive Committee and as chair of the  
5 Committee on Education of the Illinois Judicial Conference; she  
6 is a member of the Illinois Judges Association, the Illinois  
7 State Bar Association, and the Sangamon and Menard County Bar  
8 Associations; and

9           WHEREAS, Justice Pope and her husband, Al, have two sons  
10 and four grandsons; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate Fourth District Appellate Court Justice M. Carol  
14 Pope on her retirement, and we wish her the best in all her  
15 future endeavors; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Justice Pope as an expression of our esteem and  
18 respect.