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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Donna Kay Belknap's 36 years and 10 months of service with the Illinois Legislative Staff, the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission, and the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, and congratulate her on her planned retirement in December 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Donna Belknap began her career on the Senate Republican Appropriation Staff as a temporary secretary on March 1, 1981; the position became permanent and full time, and she worked there for over six years under the leadership of Carter Hendren, Roger Sweet, and John Kunzeman; and

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WHEREAS, Donna Belknap transferred to the bi-partisan Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission on January 1, 1988; she started as the Receptionist and Office Assistant, a position she held for six years, and was then promoted to Executive Secretary; and

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WHEREAS, At the Commission, Donna has provided exceptional service as Executive Secretary to Executive Directors Paul Vallas, Bill Hall, Dan Long, and Clayton Klenke; and

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WHEREAS, Donna Belknap's services at the Illinois Economic

1 and Fiscal Commission and the Commission on Government
2 Forecasting and Accountability have spanned times of
3 significant change for the Commissions, including when the
4 Pension Section was removed to become the Pension Laws
5 Commission and then merged back with the Commission in February
6 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Donna Belknap was at the Illinois Economic and
8 Fiscal Commission when the Commission's duties were expanded,
9 and it was renamed the Commission on Government Forecasting and
10 Accountability in January 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, Donna Belknap, the longest-serving Commission
12 staff member, has always been a steady and welcoming presence,
13 creating the Commission's reputation as a cooperative and
14 responsive resource for the General Assembly; and

15 WHEREAS, Donna Belknap's commitment is shown through her
16 actions; she is often the first one in the office and the last
17 one to leave; she has been an accomplished, hard-working, and
18 creative member of the legislative and commission staff; and

19 WHEREAS, Donna Belknap is smart and capable; she has
20 adapted with the times over her long career of service,
21 including transitioning from the use of carbon paper and
22 typewriters to mastering the ever-changing computer technology

1 and software necessary to accomplish her duties; and

2 WHEREAS, Donna Belknap's kindness, generosity, and sense
3 of humor have been offered freely to everyone she has worked
4 with, a testament of which is shown by the multitude of
5 colleagues throughout the State and Legislature who have
6 remained her friends over the years; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 recognize Donna Kay Belknap's service to the Illinois General
10 Assembly, as a member of the legislative staff and as Executive
11 Secretary of the Commission on Government Forecasting and
12 Accountability, and congratulate her on her planned retirement
13 in December 2017; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Donna Kay Belknap, Executive Secretary of the
16 Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, as an
17 expression of our deep respect for her public service.