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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jacquetta Ellinger on the
4 occasion of her retirement from the Illinois Department of
5 Healthcare and Family Services, Division of Medical Programs
6 after 38 years of service to the State of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Jacquetta Ellinger graduated magna cum laude from
8 Edinboro State College (now Edinboro University) in Edinboro,
9 Pennsylvania in 1972; in 1973, she became a caseworker and
10 spent four years with the Indiana County Child Welfare Services
11 in Indiana, Pennsylvania; she moved to Chicago to attend The
12 University of Chicago, where she earned her master's degree at
13 the School of Social Service Administration; and

14 WHEREAS, After graduating in 1979, Jacquetta Ellinger
15 began a career in Illinois government as an analyst, working in
16 the Bureau of the Budget and eventually becoming the department
17 head at the Division of Health and Social Services; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1985, Jacquetta Ellinger began her service in
19 the Illinois Department of Public Health as Special Assistant
20 to the Director and then Associate Director for the Office of
21 Health Policy and Planning; in 1991, she moved to the Illinois
22 Department of Healthcare and Family Services; over the next 26

1 years, she became a Deputy Administrator of the Medicaid
2 program, and in 2002, took leadership for Eligibility Policy;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Jacquetta Ellinger has served under governors,
5 department heads, and medicaid directors in both Republican and
6 Democratic administrations, bringing to this work a detailed
7 understanding of Medicaid policy at both the State and federal
8 levels; and

9 WHEREAS, With her extensive knowledge and her desire to
10 ensure greater access to health care for people in need,
11 Jacquetta Ellinger was a key leader who helped implement
12 essential policies in the Medicaid and Children's Health
13 Insurance programs, including expanding healthcare under All
14 Kids and the Affordable Care Act; and

15 WHEREAS, After more than four decades as a selfless public
16 servant dedicated to helping the vulnerable, and with a career
17 that spanned from caseworker to head of Illinois Medicaid
18 eligibility policy, Jacquetta Ellinger will retire from the
19 State of Illinois on December 31, 2017; in her retirement, she
20 plans to unwind and enjoy more of life; and

21 WHEREAS, Jacquetta Ellinger is a loving daughter, caring
22 aunt, sister, and friend, and is a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan;

1 she makes fabulous pies and is adored by her family and
2 friends; her work has changed the lives of countless
3 Illinoisans for the better; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 congratulate Jacquetta Ellinger on her retirement from
7 Illinois State Government after 38 years of service, and we
8 wish her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Jacquetta Ellinger as an expression of our esteem,
12 gratitude, and respect.