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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Christy Alexander on
4 being named the Front Line Forensic Nurse of the Year by the
5 International Association of Forensic Nurses; and

6 WHEREAS, Christy Alexander has been in nursing for 33 years
7 and has worked at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee,
8 Illinois since 1993; and

9 WHEREAS, Christy Alexander is a nurse with a special
10 mission; in 2010, while working in Pediatric Emergency Care,
11 she regularly encountered abused children and decided to look
12 into forensic nursing; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2012, Christy Alexander received her board
14 certification as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE); she is
15 one of only 33 nurses in the State of Illinois certified to
16 work with adult victims of sexual violence and one of only a
17 dozen certified to work with children who have been sexually
18 assaulted; and

19 WHEREAS, Christy Alexander has a desire to increase the
20 number of SANE-certified nurses; in 2012, she founded the SANE
21 Program at Presence St. Mary's Hospital with the goal of

1 helping victims of sexual assault regain control of their
2 lives; Presence St. Mary's has since added two additional SANE
3 nurses; and

4 WHEREAS, Christy Alexander sees 50 to 70 victims of sexual
5 assault per year, the vast majority of which are women; almost
6 half of her patients are children; and

7 WHEREAS, Christy Alexander will present at the
8 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence,
9 and Gender Bias in Chicago in April; and

10 WHEREAS, Christy Alexander was recommended for the award by
11 the state coordinator of SANE nurses, Jaclyn Rodriguez, and by
12 letters of recommendation from her peers; and

13 WHEREAS, Christy Alexander also works with the local Sexual
14 Assault Response Team, the Kankakee County Center Against
15 Sexual Assault, the Child Network, Kankakee Community College,
16 the Illinois State's Attorney's Office, and other health
17 professionals to learn how to better serve victims; and

18 WHEREAS, Christy Alexander is a graduate of Herscher High
19 School, Kankakee Community College, and Western Governor's
20 University in Utah; Christy and her husband, Jim, now live in
21 Chebanse, Illinois and have six children; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Christy Alexander on being named the Front Line
4 Forensic Nurse of the Year by the International Association of
5 Forensic Nurses; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Christy Alexander as an expression of our esteem
8 and respect.