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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Carol Gieske for being named the 2018 Woman of the Year by the Altrusa International Club of Elgin, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, Carol Gieske is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) and has dedicated her career to Elgin; for over 20 years, she provided strong, innovative, and collaborative leadership to the United Way of Elgin; she served as president for 15 years; while in that role, and with a team of extraordinary staff and volunteers, she successfully raised more than \$44 million dollars to assist those in need through the Elgin social service network; and

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WHEREAS, Carol Gieske served as President of the Provena Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation (now Presence) and successfully raised funds for the hospital's first capital campaign in more than 40 years, which resulted in the new state-of-the art Bob and Edna Meadows Cancer Care Center and the new heart center; the hospital raised more than \$11 million to accomplish this goal; both centers have made a difference in the healthcare needs of the community; and

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WHEREAS, In her current position as President of the Elgin

1 Area Chamber of Commerce, Carol Gieske works closely with the
2 City of Elgin staff, connects with Elgin City Council members,
3 and serves with prestigious Chamber board members who represent
4 important community businesses, including Motorola, IHC, Lamp
5 Incorporated, Shales McNutt, AT&T, the Village of South Elgin,
6 Grand Victoria Casino, Elgin Community College, Gail Borden
7 Library, S.D. District U46, Advocate Sherman Hospital,
8 Presence Saint Joseph Hospital, and various financial
9 institutions and manufacturing firms; she collaborates,
10 promotes, and assists the majority of entrepreneurs who are
11 Chamber members; she continually recognizes members for their
12 achievements, through the annual "high five" awards, volunteer
13 luncheons, and business referral networks; and

14 WHEREAS, Through the Chamber, Carol Gieske is actively
15 involved in the Small Business Academy, the CEO Unplugged
16 series, and a multitude of ribbon cuttings, business after
17 hours, and economic development meetings and functions; under
18 her leadership, the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce was named
19 among the top three percent of all Chambers nationwide and also
20 acquired the United States Chamber Accreditation; and

21 WHEREAS, Carol Gieske is an ethical, hard-working,
22 organized, and supportive leader; she has always volunteered
23 for other organizations in the greater Elgin community; she was
24 the first female member inducted into the Elgin Noon Rotary

1 Club, where she also served as President; she chairs the Elgin
2 Advisory Board to the VNA Health Care; she has been an integral
3 part of the award-winning Elgin Area Leadership Academy since
4 its inception and is also a graduate of EALA and remains on its
5 steering committee; she is on the boards of the Alignment
6 Collaborative for Education, the City of Elgin Parks and
7 Recreation Foundation, the Elgin Community College Foundation,
8 the Fox West Philanthropy Network, the Illinois Comptroller's
9 Women's Advisory Board, and Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth's
10 Advisory Committee on Small Business; she is also a member of
11 the women's professional organization, WIM Fox Valley; and

12 WHEREAS, Carol Gieske has given back to her community
13 generously through her leadership, volunteer commitments, and
14 professional collaborations; she has maintained ethical
15 practices and is known as a role model for everyone in
16 business; she and her husband, Patrick, have two sons;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate Carol Gieske on being named the 2018 Woman of the
21 Year, and we commend her for her contributions to her community
22 and the State of Illinois; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Carol Gieske as an expression of our esteem and
2 respect.