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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend Mary Patton, 82 years young, on her continuing work as a volunteer lobbyist for AARP; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Patton is an outspoken champion on policies regarding elder abuse and financial exploitation; she believes in empowering all citizens to raise their voices to make a difference; she has served as an AARP Illinois lobbyist for 20 years and represents Peoria County and AARP as a member of the Peoria County Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Patton served on the AARP IL Executive Council, where she championed consumer protections and senior services for all residents of the State; she was a key advisor and AARP champion during the nursing home reform negotiations and law drafting in 2010; she was featured as an AARP Illinois spokesperson in local and statewide media coverage and was featured in AARP's national January publication on the budget and fiscal climate in Illinois; she was part of the negotiations in addressing Statehouse reforms of both the power of attorney statutes and pay day lending, as well as the issue of security freeze usage on credit reports in Illinois; she was awarded the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mary Patton is ardently concerned about
2 safeguarding the landline services of seniors and maintaining
3 low rates on utilities; she has fought to protect home and
4 community-based funding for the aging populations in Illinois
5 and their family caregivers; she lobbied for five years to
6 enact the Secure Choice into State law; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Patton is a passionate member of the Illinois
8 League of Women Voters and has heightened the recognition of
9 women through her work; she possesses an unbreakable spirit and
10 is known around the rail as an outspoken champion for the
11 50-plus population; and

12 WHEREAS, A mother and a grandmother, Mary Patton is a
13 55-year resident of Peoria and has been married to her husband,
14 Dean, for 55 years; she is an active member of All Saints Greek
15 Orthodox Church in Peoria; she shaped the minds and spirits of
16 countless Peoria elementary students as a science teacher in
17 Peoria's elementary school system and also taught high school
18 science for Air Force Dependents Schools in England and
19 Newfoundland; she was elected Peoria County Circuit Clerk three
20 times; she has been an unwavering voice for the protection and
21 enhancement of all services for the aging population in
22 Illinois and family caregivers; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we commend Mary Patton for her continued work in support of the
4 aging population in Illinois; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Mary Patton as an expression of our esteem and
7 respect.