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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan is a proud daughter of Illinois who was born in Macoupin County, and her family goes back several generations in the State; and

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WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan joined the service of the Illinois General Assembly 30 years ago, in 1988, as a staff secretary; she also served on the computer staff, where her first duty was installing hard drives in Wang Computers; and

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WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan was quickly promoted to "Lead Operator" and was gifted many pencils to sharpen by senior staff member Dr. Ed Keen; and

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WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan was then promoted to Administrative Assistant to the Director of Research, where she capably and efficiently served three directors for nearly 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Over time, Lisa Guinan's institutional knowledge, quick recall, willingness to serve, and calm demeanor became more valuable, and she was promoted to Floor Manager and Legislative Assistant to the Leader; and

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WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan has become an indispensable part of the work of the Illinois House of Representatives; she has

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1 served for many years on the floor every minute the House is in
2 session and has been constantly on hand to answer member
3 questions and provide them with guidance on bills moving
4 through Second Reading and Third Reading; and

5 WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan's time as Floor Manager has seen many
6 exciting events in the history of the Illinois House and
7 General Assembly; during her time on the House floor, the House
8 has dealt with the impeachment of a governor, the repeal of the
9 death penalty, controversial tax issues, and rewrites of the
10 State's education laws; and

11 WHEREAS, As men and women who have worked with Lisa Guinan
12 for many years, we have seen her with only two emotions,
13 cheerfulness and calmness; and

14 WHEREAS, Led by her caring spirit, Lisa Guinan has been
15 willing to help anyone on both sides of the aisle,
16 demonstrating her bipartisan nature; and

17 WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan has essentially served as the staff
18 "mom" for more than 100 staffers during her tenure, showing
19 them the ropes and patiently answering question after question;
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21 WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan is always coordinating special

1 occasions and memorials for staff, friends, and family; she
2 will always be remembered for her annual Christmas party for
3 staff and friends, featuring cookie decorating and Christmas
4 carols, where she played the piano; and

5 WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan always lives life to the fullest,
6 following her passions, which have taken her across the globe
7 to Jamaica, France, Germany, Ireland, the Dominican Republic,
8 Mexico, and England, where she went to see the Rolling Stones
9 at Wembley Stadium in London; and

10 WHEREAS, A true fan of the Rolling Stones, Lisa Guinan's
11 ties to the band have deepened recently, as she and Mick Jagger
12 have both undergone heart valve surgery and recovered like true
13 champions; and

14 WHEREAS, Although she loves to travel, Lisa Guinan remains
15 true to Illinois as an avid genealogist of her family's
16 Illinois roots; for many years, she and her husband, Tim
17 Guinan, whom she met at the Illinois State Fair, lived at
18 Lincoln's New Salem, where she tended and harvested the New
19 Salem gardens in traditional 1830s attire; and

20 WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan is a shining example of what it means
21 to appreciate the simple pleasures in life, particularly
22 through her interest in hummingbirds and nature; and

1 WHEREAS, Lisa Guinan's interests are now enjoyed at her
2 beautifully-located Otter Lake, Illinois home with her
3 husband, Tim Guinan of Beaver Dam State Park, and her
4 stepdaughters, Payton Guinan and Jordan Guinan; therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Lisa Guinan on her long service to the Illinois
9 General Assembly, and we wish her many happy years in her
10 retirement; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Lisa Guinan as an expression of our esteem and
13 respect.