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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to extend their congratulations to Julie Rothenfluh on the occasion of her upcoming retirement from the Naperville Public Library; and

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WHEREAS, The Naperville Public Library has three locations that serve over 1.5 million visitors annually; there are over 70,000 active cardholders, and the library system has an annual circulation of over 4,000,000 items, an average of 11,390 items per day; and

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WHEREAS, Julie Rothenfluh has worked at the Naperville Public Library for over 23 years, and she has served as the Executive Director for the last five years; and

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WHEREAS, Due to Julie Rothenfluh's hard work and dedication as Deputy Executive Director, the Naperville Public Library received ten consecutive five-star ratings from the Library Journal since the award's inception; it is a distinction that only 12 other U.S. libraries share; and

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WHEREAS, Julie Rothenfluh currently manages approximately 250 employees and an annual budget of over \$15 million; and

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1 WHEREAS, Under Julie Rothenfluh's direction, the
2 Naperville Public Library has evolved to embrace changing
3 customer needs and technology so as to remain a valued
4 community resource; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Naperville Public Library created a
6 three-year strategic plan to define goals and objectives in
7 order to prioritize projects and efficiently execute the
8 library's mission; and

9 WHEREAS, The strategic plan emphasizes accessibility and
10 innovation while serving Naperville's diverse population and
11 conveying the library's value; and

12 WHEREAS, With Julie Rothenfluh's guidance, the Naperville
13 Public Library expanded its digital resources, added programs,
14 and grew community partnerships; and

15 WHEREAS, While the Naperville Public Library serves a large
16 community of approximately 140,000 residents, Julie Rothenfluh
17 has always fostered a "small town" culture through personal
18 connections and genuine caring; she will be remembered as a
19 strategic leader and an innovative community partner; and

20 WHEREAS, The residents of the City of Naperville have
21 benefited greatly from Julie Rothenfluh's outstanding

1 leadership, professionalism, and community service; and

2 WHEREAS, A community reception to honor Julie Rothenfluh
3 will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019 at the Naperville Public
4 Library on 95th Street; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we congratulate Julie Rothenfluh on a job well done at the
8 Naperville Public Library over the last 23 years and wish her
9 the very best in her upcoming retirement; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Julie Rothenfluh as a symbol of our esteem and
12 respect.