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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate State Representative
4 Lindsay A. Parkhurst on her distinguished service to the 79th
5 District and the people of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Parkhurst was born on January 14,
7 1963 to parents, Donald and Betty Parkhurst, and her parents
8 instilled the values of community volunteering, philanthropy,
9 and promoting community growth; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Parkhurst met her husband, Marc
11 Magiera, in Kankakee, where they still reside and have raised
12 their daughter, Lucy; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Parkhurst attended the University
14 of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she received a Bachelor
15 of Arts in Honors English; she earned her Juris Doctorate at
16 the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of
17 Technology and earned a Master of Law from the DePaul
18 University College of Law; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Parkhurst was admitted to the
20 Illinois Bar in 1989, the United States District Court,
21 Northern District of Illinois in 1989, and the United States

1 District Court, Central District of Illinois in 2002; and

2 WHEREAS, For 27 years, Representative Parkhurst practiced
3 law as both a civil and criminal defense attorney with
4 experience in litigation and trial practice, having opened her
5 own general practice law office in Kankakee in 2000, as well as
6 serving as a Kankakee County Assistant Public Defender for
7 juvenile and abuse and neglect cases from 2005 to 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Parkhurst was elected to the
9 Illinois House of Representatives in 2016 and sworn in on
10 January 11, 2017; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Parkhurst was awarded an Edgar
12 Fellowship at the University of Illinois Institute of
13 Government & Public Affairs in 2017; and

14 WHEREAS, During her time in the legislature,
15 Representative Parkhurst advanced key legislation on juvenile
16 probation, Mason's Law to protect children, promoted job
17 creation, promoted good government through closing conflict of
18 interest loopholes and increasing government transparency, and
19 addressed the substitute teacher shortage, as well as pursued
20 policies to advance child support reforms, fight tax increases,
21 and advance local revitalization efforts along the Kankakee
22 River; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Parkhurst has always maintained a
2 steadfast commitment to volunteerism and community service,
3 having served as president of the Kankakee Society of Women in
4 Law, as Social Chair of the Kankakee County Bar Association, as
5 Vice Chair of the Two Rivers Area Credit Union, as Board Member
6 and grants committee member of the Community Foundation, and as
7 Co-chair of the Prairie State Legal Services Fundraising
8 Committee in Kankakee, as well as volunteering her time at
9 Aquinas Catholic Academy and Bishop McNamara Catholic High
10 School and Kankakee Community College for its Lex Paralegal
11 Society; and

12 WHEREAS, Although Representative Parkhurst is not
13 returning to the General Assembly, she is continuing her public
14 service as Circuit Judge with the 21st Judicial Circuit of
15 Illinois; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we thank the Honorable Lindsay A. Parkhurst for her service to
19 the constituents of the 79th District and the State of Illinois
20 and wish her well in her continued public service to the
21 constituents of the 21st Judicial Circuit of Illinois; and be
22 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Representative Parkhurst as an expression of our
3 esteem and respect for our colleague and friend.