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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Kathy Murray on her
4 retirement on December 31, 2020, after 20 years of dedicated
5 service to the Illinois General Assembly and the House
6 Democratic Caucus; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Kathy Murray has gone out
8 of her way to make those around her feel special while also
9 tirelessly managing a wide variety of responsibilities; and

10 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray began her career with the Illinois
11 House of Representatives in the House Transcription Office in
12 2001; after joining the House Democratic Issues Development
13 Unit as a receptionist, she moved into the position of the
14 office manager, a job she would hold for more than a decade;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray was typically one of the first to
17 arrive in the office every morning and among the last to leave
18 in the evening; she often began the workday before 7 a.m. by
19 updating and distributing charts to track where hundreds of
20 bills were in the legislative process, marking floor calendars
21 for staff, monitoring the committee schedule, ensuring staff
22 were prepared, tracking press releases sent on behalf of

1 members, and much more; her day would often not end until all
2 staff had left and their time cards had been processed; and

3 WHEREAS, Even while handling her many duties, Kathy Murray
4 felt a responsibility for the health and well-being of
5 everyone in her office, going above and beyond to care for
6 staff; she coordinated lunch orders for the entire office on
7 busy session days and ensured everyone had eaten; she put her
8 own work on hold to help anyone who asked; she was known for
9 meeting anyone who came to her desk with a question or concern
10 with compassion first and then doing everything she could to
11 help; and

12 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray had an instinctive understanding of
13 what she could provide to support everyone in her office,
14 whether it was words of encouragement, a reminder about an
15 assignment, a friendly ear to listen, or a funny story; and

16 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray's adventures and stories entertained
17 all who worked with her, and she often humorously imparted
18 important lessons for developing young professionals; her
19 stories of big moments in Illinois political history and
20 smaller memories made in the office showed new staffers their
21 role in the bigger picture, while her unique encounters with
22 celebrities like Tom Petty and Hulk Hogan served as a reminder
23 to always pursue a memorable life; and

1 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray made sure birthdays in the office
2 were celebrated, often coordinating elaborate decorations and
3 themes, and prepared delicious homemade cakes and snacks
4 suited to a person's particular tastes; and

5 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray wrote and enthusiastically performed
6 songs for the office that wished many departing staffers good
7 luck, taught those new to the office how to transfer phone
8 calls, and helped those who listened find joy in moments big
9 and small; and

10 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray has worked with many House members
11 over the course of 20 years, and she has supported, mentored,
12 and helped the professional growth of hundreds of staffers
13 throughout her tenure; and

14 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray's attention to detail and desire to
15 bring joy to those around her is demonstrated in her legendary
16 Oscar watch parties, which featured limousine rides for
17 friends and neighbors, ball gowns, and awards for attendees;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray is the loving mother to Matthew,
20 Brittney, Lisa, and Erica; she is a proud grandmother and a
21 devoted dog mom; she loves traveling with family and finding

1 new adventures; and

2 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray helped husband Vladimir Hlyvka
3 pursue his Olympic dreams, cheering him on as he represented
4 his native Ukraine as a ski jumper in the Winter Olympic Games
5 in Nagano, Japan in 1998 and Salt Lake City, Utah in 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray has been an extraordinary caretaker
7 during her mother's senior years; even when work
8 responsibilities required her to be in the office seven days a
9 week, she has still taken time to enjoy Sunday breakfast with
10 her mother and watch favorite movies together on repeat; and

11 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray is retiring to her native Tarpin
12 Springs, Florida with her family, where she hopes to entertain
13 many friends visiting from Illinois and plans to pursue her
14 dream of being the Fairy Godmother at Disney World; and

15 WHEREAS, Kathy Murray's hard work and tireless commitment
16 to those around her helped to make all the work of this chamber
17 possible, and she will be fondly remembered by all to whom she
18 has been a friend, a mentor, a caretaker, and a source of joy;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Kathy Murray on the occasion of her
2 retirement, thank her for her many years of committed service
3 to the Illinois General Assembly and the people of the State of
4 Illinois, and wish her many happy and healthy retirement
5 years; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Kathy Murray as a symbol of our esteem and
8 respect.