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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Carol Pope for her many years of service; and

WHEREAS, Carol Pope earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa; she graduated magna cum laude and was named to the Bronze Tablet, the university's highest recognition of academic excellence, in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Carol Pope then attended the DePaul University School of Law, where she was editor of the Law Review; she obtained her J.D. degree, with honor, in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Carol Pope served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge J. Waldo Ackerman in the Central District of Illinois from 1979 to 1983; she was an attorney with Mayer, Brown and Platt in Chicago from 1983 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, Carol Pope was elected Menard County State's Attorney in 1984 and 1988; she was appointed to serve as a resident circuit judge of Menard County by the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1991; she was elected to that position in 1992 and retained in 1998, 2004, and 2010; and

1           WHEREAS, Carol Pope was assigned to the Appellate Court on  
2 December 1, 2008 and was elected to a full term in 2012; she  
3 served until her retirement on August 1, 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, Carol Pope served as chair of the Supreme Court's  
5 Committee on Strategic Planning for three years; she is a past  
6 president of the Illinois Judges Association, served as a  
7 member of the Executive Committee, and as chair of the  
8 Committee on Education of the Illinois Judicial Conference;  
9 she is a member of the Illinois Judges Association, the  
10 Illinois State Bar Association, and the Sangamon and Menard  
11 County Bar Associations; and

12           WHEREAS, Carol Pope became Legislative Inspector General  
13 in March 2019, filling the position after it was empty for four  
14 years; and

15           WHEREAS, As Legislative Inspector General, Carol Pope  
16 sought to reform the office and to implement a number of  
17 changes, including increased transparencies, the ability to  
18 issue subpoenas without the approval of the Legislative Ethics  
19 Commission as well as reports about investigations, and the  
20 creation of a ninth slot on the ethics commission for a  
21 nonpartisan member who is not a state lawmaker; and

1           WHEREAS, Carol Pope left the position of Legislative  
2 Inspector General in January 2022 due to concerns that reforms  
3 were not being made; and

4           WHEREAS, Carol Pope and her husband, Al, have two sons and  
5 four grandsons; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we recognize Carol Pope for her dedication and service; and be  
9 it further

10           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Carol Pope as an expression of our esteem and  
12 respect.