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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Tonya Lamia on the occasion of her many years of dedicated service to the economic well-being of Illinois businesses; and

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WHEREAS, Tonya Lamia has spent more than 30 years working to advance private businesses, economic development organizations, state agencies, and business associations in the Rockford region and throughout the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Tonya Lamia has been involved throughout her community, including serving on the Greater Rockford Airport Authority Board of Commissioners; and

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WHEREAS, Tonya Lamia was hired as executive director of the Parks Chamber of Commerce in 2019, and she has been instrumental in leading the organization to help businesses succeed with the right tools, connections, and resources to produce world-class events and to advocate for a competitive business climate; and

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WHEREAS, Tonya Lamia oversaw the transition of the Parks Chamber of Commerce from an organization that managed the annual Young at Heart Festival through 2018 to a

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1 business-focused organization that more actively supports the  
2 interests of its members; and

3 WHEREAS, Tonya Lamia played a significant role in the  
4 creation of critical initiatives, including the 2022  
5 Legislative Event Series that featured "State of" addresses  
6 from elected officials and community leaders, the annual golf  
7 outing fundraiser, and the new Placemaking in The Parks  
8 initiative designed to attract visitors, encourage  
9 investments, and improve lives; and

10 WHEREAS, Tonya Lamia served the business community during  
11 the COVID-19 pandemic, leading innovative programs with  
12 partnership from regionwide stakeholders to address the  
13 serious challenges faced by the business community; and

14 WHEREAS, Tonya Lamia will retire from the Parks Chamber of  
15 Commerce on April 20, 2023, thus ending an impressive career  
16 dedicated to the advancement of economic opportunity  
17 throughout northern Illinois and our State; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we recognize and applaud Tonya Lamia's many years of dedicated  
21 service to the economic well-being of Illinois businesses, and  
22 we wish her happiness and great success in her future

1 endeavors; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Tonya Lamia as a symbol of our esteem and respect.