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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Whitney K. Siehl on her
4 installation as President of the Women's Bar Association of
5 Illinois (WBAI); and

6 WHEREAS, The WBAI was first established in 1914 by nine
7 women lawyers practicing in the Chicago metropolitan area; it
8 is one of the oldest and largest bar associations in the State
9 of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The WBAI serves as an influential voice in
11 promoting the interests and welfare of women in the law,
12 offering mentorship and networking opportunities, career
13 advice, and events that promote and empower women leaders; and

14 WHEREAS, Whitney Siehl is an associate attorney with
15 Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro, LLP, serving as a plaintiffs'
16 litigator focused on class actions in the areas of sexual
17 abuse, sexual harassment, antitrust, mass torts, consumer
18 protection, environmental, and sports law; her notable
19 settlements include an over \$17 million fund for survivors of
20 Harvey Weinstein's sexual abuse, a \$215 million fund for USC
21 student survivors of sexual abuse by gynecologist Dr. Tyndall,
22 and millions of dollars for college students in contract

1 disputes and children with birth injuries; she also represents
2 college students and consumers in COVID-19 refund litigation,
3 workers in wage-fixing antitrust matters, and athletes in
4 concussion litigation, among other cases; and

5 WHEREAS, Whitney Siehl previously worked as a legal aide
6 to Ohio State Representative Teresa Fedor, working on H.B.
7 262, the Safe Harbor for Child Victims of Human Trafficking
8 legislation, which was signed into law in 2012; and

9 WHEREAS, Whitney Siehl earned her Juris Doctor from The
10 Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, where she was a
11 member of the 2013 Sutherland Cup National Champion
12 Constitutional Law Moot Court Team and served as president of
13 the Women's Legal Society; she graduated from Northwestern
14 University and was a member of the women's golf team; she was
15 named an NCAA Academic All-American with the Miami University
16 women's cross country and track teams; and

17 WHEREAS, Whitney Siehl has chaired the WBAI Annual Golf
18 Outing since 2015 and hosts numerous clinics teaching women to
19 golf; she enjoys volunteer marathon pace coaching and has
20 completed numerous triathlons and marathons; and

21 WHEREAS, Every year since 2019, Whitney Siehl has been
22 recognized as a Super Lawyers Rising Star in Illinois; prior

1 to that, she received an Award for Excellence in Pro Bono
2 Service from the United States District Court for the Northern
3 District of Illinois in 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Whitney Siehl is honored to serve the WBAI, and
5 her persistent focus on justice for women has enhanced her
6 ability to advocate for WBAI's members every day; her theme
7 for the 2023-2024 bar year is Together We Succeed, with a
8 strong focus on mentoring and collaboration; and

9 WHEREAS, Whitney Siehl will be installed as the 2023-2024
10 President of the WBAI at its 109th Annual Installation Dinner
11 and Awards Gala at The Field Museum on May 31, 2023; therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Whitney K. Siehl on her installation as
16 President of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and wish
17 her all the best in her new position; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Whitney Siehl as an expression of our esteem and
20 respect.