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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Therese Suarez on the  
4 occasion of her retirement from St. Clair County after more  
5 than 35 years of service; and

6           WHEREAS, Therese Suarez began serving St. Clair County  
7 through the St. Clair Detention Facility in 1989; during her  
8 tenure, she has held many positions, including probation  
9 officer in 1995, domestic battery officer in 1999, and  
10 juvenile probation officer in 2000; she became an adult  
11 officer in 2001 and an administration officer in 2003; she was  
12 promoted to chief administration transfer officer in 2007 and  
13 was then named redeploy coordinator in 2011; lastly, she was  
14 promoted to supervisor in 2022; and

15           WHEREAS, Therese Suarez has served St. Clair County with  
16 distinction, ensuring the safety and security for all officers  
17 in the 20th Judicial Circuit and consistently seeking avenues  
18 to benefit her fellow officers, including being instrumental  
19 in obtaining new bullet proof vests for all officers in the  
20 circuit and working closely with outer county sheriff's  
21 departments to obtain radios for all officers in that area;  
22 and

1           WHEREAS, Therese Suarez originally earned a bachelor's  
2 degree in psychology from McKendree University in 1987; she  
3 has continued to pursue additional training and knowledge to  
4 better do her job and improve her skills in the field of social  
5 work and criminal justice, with her additional training  
6 including self-defense, safety awareness, motivational  
7 interviewing, Siemens Analyzer 9drug testing, crisis  
8 intervention, CPR/AED/First Aid, domestic violence, and  
9 firearms qualifications; and

10           WHEREAS, Therese Suarez has received several accolades,  
11 including a commendation from the St. Clair County Sheriff's  
12 Department for assistance with a juvenile murder case in 1991,  
13 a letter of appreciation from the Children's Center for  
14 Behavioral Development for speaking on probation services at  
15 the center in 1991, and a commendation from the Fairmont City  
16 Police Chief for conducting a field interview of an occupied  
17 vehicle in 1995, which resulted in four arrests and the  
18 recovery of a loaded firearm and drug contraband; she was  
19 named Employee of the Month in June 1991 and won the Pauline  
20 Gansauer Award from the Illinois Probation and Court Services  
21 Association for her dedication to the profession in 2021; and

22           WHEREAS, Despite her many responsibilities, Therese Suarez  
23 has continued to volunteer in her local community, mainly  
24 through working with youth and the Hispanic population; her

1 volunteer efforts have included events for the foundation  
2 Tsunami Waves, and she has actively tried to develop new youth  
3 recreational activities and events; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate Therese Suarez on the occasion of her  
7 retirement from St. Clair County after more than 35 years of  
8 service, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors; and  
9 be it further

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