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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie has served residents of the 27th
3 State Senate District since 2018; and

4 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie is a lifelong resident of the
5 northwest suburbs, a retired business executive, and a former
6 health care worker, serving as a staff attorney for a
7 nonprofit HMO in Chicago, as a health care attorney at a
8 Chicago law firm, as a consultant in managed health care, and
9 as an executive with CVS Health's Caremark division; and

10 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie earned a bachelor's degree in
11 history from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a
12 juris doctorate from DePaul University; and

13 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie entered her first term ready to
14 bring change to working families in Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Drawing from her experiences as a lawyer, health
16 care consultant, and vice president and general manager of a
17 large mail pharmacy service, Ann Gillespie came to Springfield
18 determined to be a proactive problem solver, introducing
19 advanced legislation that would expand apprenticeship
20 programs, protect workers and consumers, and provide inclusion
21 to all Illinoisans; and

1 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie has prioritized protecting
2 Illinois' social safety net during her time in office,
3 utilizing her personal experience to create policy that
4 addresses the needs of underserved populations throughout the
5 state; and

6 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie has used her background and
7 perspective to improve Illinois' financial outlook, its
8 business climate, and the quality of life for people in the
9 27th District and beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie fought for a bipartisan solution to
11 target abuses of power in state government by introducing the
12 first comprehensive ethics package in over a decade, which
13 implemented numerous reforms aimed to prevent bad actors from
14 gaming the system; and

15 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie advocated to improve conditions at
16 nursing homes across Illinois and passed legislation to
17 overhaul the state's nursing home assessment and reimbursement
18 methods by transitioning to a Patient Driven Payment Model and
19 increasing the base per diem rate, as well as addressing
20 employee shortages at long-term care facilities by requiring
21 facilities to meet at least 70% of staffing levels outlined by
22 a federal study to receive additional funding and by providing

1 additional funding to facilities that incentivize the
2 retention and promotion of CNAs; and

3 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie was a legislative champion for
4 expanding affordable health care coverage in Illinois, passing
5 legislation that established a state-based health insurance
6 marketplace offering a variety of health insurance plans from
7 different insurers that will reflect real-time data so all
8 Illinoisans can find high-quality plans tailored to their
9 needs; and

10 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie carried legislation to expand
11 Illinois' Medicaid system to cover new services and the
12 implementation of new Medicaid-adjacent services by the
13 Illinois Department of Health and Family Services and other
14 agencies, enhancing provider networks and improving the
15 availability of essential services to allow working families
16 across the state to receive the care they need to keep
17 themselves and their communities healthy; and

18 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie pushed for a comprehensive Medicaid
19 overhaul package to improve Medicaid reimbursement rates and
20 expand services across numerous health care sectors, including
21 rate increases for inpatient substance use disorder treatment,
22 hospitals, supportive living facilities, community-based
23 mental health services, and inpatient psychiatric care at

1 hospitals; and

2 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie chaired the Senate
3 Appropriations-Health and Human Services Committee in the
4 103rd General Assembly and sat on the Early Childhood
5 Education, Insurance, Judiciary, and Revenue Committees; and

6 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie co-chaired the bipartisan Senate
7 Women's Caucus, fighting for full gender equality and bringing
8 forth initiatives to prioritize the health and well-being of
9 women, including a hands-only CPR training for legislative
10 members and staff; and

11 WHEREAS, Ann Gillespie assisted residents of the 27th
12 District through her district office, traveling office hours,
13 and community town halls and held an annual bake-off
14 competition that allowed high school students to showcase
15 their culinary talent and creativity, with the winning team
16 receiving scholarship funds to attend Harper College; and

17 WHEREAS, With her experience in health care and dedication
18 to improving insurance access for Illinoisans, Ann Gillespie
19 exits the Senate to become the acting director of the Illinois
20 Department of Insurance; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Ann Gillespie
2 for her service to the people of Illinois and honor her with
3 this resolution; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Ann Gillespie with our best wishes for all her
6 future endeavors.