



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to honor Elvia Lee Steward on the
4 occasion of her retirement and recognize her countless hours of
5 community service; and

6 WHEREAS, In her capacity as an employee, Elvia Lee Steward
7 served well the mentally ill individuals who resided at the
8 former Manteno Mental Health Center; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to the loving care Elvia provided
10 those residents, she was an unrelenting advocate on behalf of
11 her co-workers when she served as steward, negotiator, and
12 officer of AFSCME Local 1563; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon her retirement, she continued her lifetime
14 of activism, serving as chairperson of her AFSCME Retiree
15 sub-chapter as well as Statewide officer for the Retirees; and

16 WHEREAS, A loyal member of the Democratic Party, she
17 served as Pembroke Township precinct committeewoman; and

18 WHEREAS, From 1989 to 1997, she was twice elected as
19 Township Clerk of Pembroke Township; and

20 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Ms. Steward has demonstrated
21 the same kind of compassion and commitment in her workplace as
22 she has demonstrated in the community she served so selflessly;
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
26 express our best wishes to Elvia Lee Steward on the occasion of
27 her retirement, and we thank her for her countless hours of
28 service to the community; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Elvia Lee Steward as an expression of our respect
3 and esteem.