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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Kate Clements, journalist
4 for the Champaign News-Gazette, for receiving a number of
5 journalistic awards; and

6 WHEREAS, The Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors
7 is a national organization of journalists covering state and
8 local issues; the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors
9 has announced award winners for 2004; the Association of
10 Capitol Reporters and Editors' award is named the Aubuchon
11 Award; Kate Clements has been the recipient of three of these
12 awards; and

13 WHEREAS, Kate Clements received third place for the
14 Aubuchon Award in the category of In-Depth Reporting for
15 newspapers with a circulation under 75,000 for her series of
16 articles entitled "Governor wants say on investing", "Contract
17 has family connections", "Board dismisses state's advice",
18 "Pensions post high returns", and "Pension panel slipped under
19 radar"; she received second place in the category of Single
20 Report for newspapers with a circulation under 75,000 for her
21 article "Flying Air Illinois"; she received first place in the
22 category of Single Report for magazines for her article in
23 Illinois Issues Magazine, "Risky Math"; and

24 WHEREAS, Kate Clements has proven to be an honest,
25 hardworking capitol reporter and critical in connecting the
26 readers of the Champaign News-Gazette with their state's
27 government; democracy is reliant on a free press that reports
28 facts and the truth instead of propaganda; the reporting of
29 journalists like Kate Clements is vital to the future of
30 democracy in the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate Kate Clements on her recent awards and recognize
3 her as an honest, hardworking state capitol reporter; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Kate Clements as an expression of our respect and
7 esteem and with our best wishes for future success in
8 journalism.