



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Deborah M. Preston is retiring from her position
3 as as Moultrie County Circuit Clerk after 16 years in the
4 Clerk's office; and

5 WHEREAS, She has been a resident of Moultrie County for 50
6 years; she attended Sullivan Schools and graduated from
7 Sullivan High School and Lake Land College; she is married to
8 Larry Preston, who works as the Vice President of
9 Operations/Assistant Treasurer at Staley Credit Union; she has
10 one son, Andrew Preston, who is a graduate of the University of
11 Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, She started her career in the Circuit Clerk's
13 office as a Deputy Clerk in 1989; in 1991, she was promoted to
14 Chief Deputy and in 1993, she was appointed Circuit Clerk by
15 the Judges of the Sixth Judicial Circuit; in 1994, she was
16 elected Circuit Clerk, and she won re-election in 1996, 2000,
17 and 2004; and

18 WHEREAS, During her tenure in the office of the Circuit
19 Clerk, she has worked on several notable projects, including
20 converting a manual bookkeeping system to computer accounting;
21 supervising the upgrade of all data processing equipment;
22 developing and maintaining a multi-user computer network and a
23 functional web page; maintaining a secure multi-user Internet
24 access network; and integrating computer systems of the State
25 Disbursement Unit, Illinois Department of Public Aid, and the
26 Illinois Attorney General with the Circuit Clerk's computer
27 system; and

28 WHEREAS, Ms. Preston was instrumental in developing a
29 successful system for collecting fines and fees due to Moultrie
30 County; she participated in the first Child Support Enforcement
31 program in Moultrie County, implemented and managed a Traffic

1 Safety Program, and increased the efficiency, accuracy, and the
2 speed of providing information to participants in the court
3 system; she has often worked with students at the high school
4 and college level; and

5 WHEREAS, Without the use of tax dollars, she developed Jury
6 Management software, designed and supervised the installation
7 of a modern archive room for long storage of documents, and
8 created a more efficient work environment by converting office
9 furnishings to modern modular units; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Preston is a member of the Illinois
11 Association of County Officials and the Illinois Association of
12 Circuit Clerks; she is a past president of the Democratic Women
13 of Moultrie County and was appointed Court Disabilities
14 Coordinator; she is a charter member of the Sullivan Optimist
15 Club and served on the Board of Directors, a past member of the
16 Parents Advisory Committee of the Gifted/Talented Enrichment
17 Program of Sullivan Schools, and a past Board Member of the
18 Moultrie County Mental Health Board; and

19 WHEREAS, In her free time, she enjoys quilting, playing
20 piano, writing poetry, reading, traveling, floral arranging,
21 and collecting famous quotations; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we congratulate Deborah M. Preston on the occasion of her
25 retirement as Moultrie County Circuit Clerk; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to her as an expression of our respect and esteem and
28 with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.