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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Patty Graff on
4 being named the 2007 John Wood Community College/Community
5 Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Patty Graff was nominated by North Adams Home in
7 Mendon; she has been a CNA for 30 years and has been at North
8 Adams the past two years where she works in the Special Care
9 unit with persons suffering from dementia; and

10 WHEREAS, She has taken additional coursework at John Wood
11 Community College pertaining to caring for persons with
12 dementia; she has been active in the Alzheimer Association's
13 Memory Walk and fundraising activities for North Adams Home;
14 and she has two adult sons and lives in Quincy; and

15 WHEREAS, Patty Graff was selected by a committee of 12
16 community members who reviewed recommendations from her
17 supervisors, co-workers, and the family members of her
18 residents; she also submitted an essay titled "What Being a CNA
19 Means to Me"; in addition, eight other area residents were
20 nominated for the award and all were honored at the
21 JWCC/Community CNA of the Year Luncheon Friday, April 20, 2007,
22 at the Senior and Family Resource Center in Quincy; and

1 WHEREAS, This year marks the 12th anniversary of the
2 celebration, which is sponsored by John Wood Community College
3 and area health care agencies; and

4 WHEREAS, The event has a three fold purpose: to educate the
5 public on the important role CNAs play in healthcare and in the
6 lives of those they care for; to encourage others to consider a
7 career as a CNA; and to give some well deserved recognition to
8 those who demonstrate a willingness to go above and beyond in
9 providing quality care for the elderly and infirmed; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Patty Graff on being named the 2007 John Wood
14 Community College/Community CNA of the Year; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Patty Graff as a symbol of our respect and esteem.