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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Mary Ellen
4 Eversman for being the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni
5 Award, the Sisters of St. Francis Award for Distinguished
6 Achievement in Volunteerism; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Eversman was born in Effingham in 1938;
8 as a young child, she adopted her mother's spirit of giving;
9 she always brought home children who no one else wanted to play
10 with; at age 10, she was spending her money on small presents
11 to take to the elderly in nursing homes; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Eversman stepped up her efforts when
13 she attended Marian College in Indianapolis by studying social
14 work; there she played basketball, volleyball, tennis, and
15 swimming, while still making time to help others; she began her
16 career in service through two internships during college; she
17 worked for the American Red Cross, scanning newspapers to find
18 victims needing assistance, and she also worked for Catholic
19 Charities, accompanying social workers when they visited the
20 poor, the hungry, and others in need; and

21 WHEREAS, After graduating from Marian College with a
22 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1960, Mary Ellen Eversman

1 returned to Effingham, where she began her career in social
2 work that spanned three decades; she was a caseworker for a
3 year, then was promoted to a supervisor position, where she
4 worked with government agencies to find resources for other
5 people; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Eversman continued helping others in
7 need after her retirement in 1991; she has ministered to
8 shut-ins, transported the disabled to Sunday Mass, assisted at
9 Sacred Heart Church in Effingham, and served as a pastoral care
10 volunteer at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham; she
11 has recently extended her efforts beyond people to include
12 needy animals; she volunteers at Effingham County Humane
13 Society and is currently working to fund the purchase of land
14 and construction of a building for the Humane Society; she also
15 assists in fundraising for the Humane Society; and

16 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Eversman also writes poems and
17 children's literature in her spare time; she has written many
18 books with the proceeds going to different causes and
19 organizations, including helping to fund the building drive for
20 the Effingham County Humane Society; and

21 WHEREAS, On June 29, 2007, Mary Ellen Eversman will be
22 presented with a Distinguished Alumni Award, the Sisters of St.
23 Francis Award for Distinguished Achievement in Volunteerism in

1 recognition of her great deeds; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate Mary Ellen Eversman for being the recipient of the
5 Distinguished Alumni Award, the Sisters of St. Francis Award
6 for Distinguished Achievement in Volunteerism, and wish her
7 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Mary Ellen Eversman as a symbol of our esteem and
11 respect.