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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Denene Wilmeth on
4 her retirement from the Decatur Area Convention and Visitors
5 Bureau; and

6 WHEREAS, For the past 16 years, Denene Wilmeth has been the
7 executive director of the Decatur Area Convention and Visitors
8 Bureau; and

9 WHEREAS, When her husband passed away in 1976, she found
10 herself with two children about to enter college and the
11 responsibility of caring for her husband's elderly mother;
12 after losing a bid for the local school board she was given a
13 part-time job at the visitors bureau; and

14 WHEREAS, During her time as executive director she has
15 received many awards and honors, including the United States
16 Jaycee Women "Women in Government Award" in 1985 and the Women
17 of Excellence, Business or Professional award; and

18 WHEREAS, She has served on the Decatur District 61 Board of
19 Education, as Chair of the Illinois Association of School
20 Boards Large District Council and Board of Directors, as Chair
21 of the Decatur City Plan Commission, the Decatur Federal

1 Enterprise Zone Committee, and the Eastern Illinois University
2 Advisory Council for Applied Sciences; and

3 WHEREAS, She holds International Association of Convention
4 and Visitor Bureaus Educational Certificates in Tourism
5 Marketing, Convention Marketing, Communication, Convention
6 Services, Finance and Administration, CEO, Research,
7 Technology, and Illinois Bureau of Tourism, Heritage Tourism I
8 and II; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Denene Wilmeth on her retirement, thank her for
12 her years of service, and wish her all the best in her future
13 endeavors; and be it further

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