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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kathy Schimpf on
4 the occasion of her retirement as director of the Williamson
5 County Child Advocacy Center; and

6 WHEREAS, Kathy Schimpf has been the first and only director
7 of the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center since the center
8 opened in 1992; during her tenure, the center has gone from its
9 humble beginnings of two card tables, six chairs, a budget of
10 \$65,000, and meetings in the First Presbyterian Church of
11 Herrin parsonage to a staff of eight people who work in a
12 center-owned residential location that includes two vehicles
13 and an operating budget of nearly \$500,000; and

14 WHEREAS, As director of the Williamson County Child
15 Advocacy Center, Kathy Schimpf has testified before many
16 legislative committees on child abuse issues and has sat on
17 several committees, task forces, and special interest groups
18 dealing with child abuse issues; she also helped expand child
19 advocacy services to surrounding Southern Illinois counties;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Kathy Schimpf was designated as Advocate of the
22 Year at the Downstate Training Conference on Child Abuse in

1 1996 and 2001 in honor of her accomplishments; and

2 WHEREAS, Kathy Schimpf plans to enjoy her retirement by
3 spending time with her husband, Rod, and traveling; and

4 WHEREAS, Kathy Schimpf serves as a model of hard work,
5 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
6 Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Kathy Schimpf on the occasion of her retirement
10 and wish her many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Kathy Schimpf as a symbol of our esteem and
14 respect.