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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Susan Balling on  
4 her retirement as Assistant to the Director for the Northeast  
5 DuPage Special Recreation Association; and

6           WHEREAS, She began her career with the Northeast DuPage  
7 Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) on May 23, 1977; she  
8 has provided the ethical leadership and mentoring of younger  
9 staff to build NEDSRA into a gold medal winning Association;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, She received her education at Southern Illinois  
12 University; she began her career with NEDSRA as the first  
13 Recreation Supervisor; she initiated the first 8 programs and  
14 the first 2 day camps; she has played a major role in growing  
15 those services to over 800 programs, camps, and services; and

16           WHEREAS, She was instrumental in creating the first local  
17 Special Olympics Track and Field Meet for any Special  
18 Recreation Association; in 1982, she was recognized as the  
19 Illinois Park and Recreation Association's Outstanding Young  
20 Professional; and

21           WHEREAS, In 1988, she was recognized as the Illinois

1 Therapeutic Recreation Sections Outstanding Professional in  
2 Illinois; in 1996, she was recognized by the Illinois Park and  
3 Recreation Association (IPRA) with their Meritorious Service  
4 Award; and she received the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation  
5 Sections Distinguished Service Award in 1999; and

6 WHEREAS, She has served as a mentor for the NEDSRA staff as  
7 well as many other park and recreation professionals for over  
8 30 years; she has published multiple articles for IPRA/IAPD  
9 magazine and presented at many parks and recreation State and  
10 national conferences; and

11 WHEREAS, She has organized the development and educational  
12 opportunities for the NEDSRA staff for over 30 years and has  
13 challenged all of the staff to reach their potential and strive  
14 for excellence in their personal performance; she has completed  
15 hundreds of studies for the board and staff and the field, in  
16 the course of delivering excellent services for people with  
17 disabilities; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate Susan Balling on her retirement and wish her  
21 the best in her future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Susan Balling as a symbol of our respect and  
2 esteem.