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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Dr. Irene H. Brodie on her
4 life's accomplishments and her time as mayor of Robbins; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie is currently serving in her 24th
6 consecutive year as mayor, making her the current,
7 longest-serving, female African-American mayor in the nation;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie moved to Robbins at the onset of her
10 professional career as a teacher and educator; she taught at
11 Kellar Elementary School and later became assistant principal
12 at Turner Elementary School; while teaching, she completed
13 coursework to earn her doctorate in education from Northeastern
14 University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie joined Moraine Valley Community
16 College when it only had a few buildings to accommodate a
17 student population of 12,000; after only 2 years, she became
18 the first African-American dean at Moraine Valley Community
19 College; during her tenure, the school grew to be the second
20 largest community college in Illinois with a student population
21 well over 30,000; she has hired, financially supported,
22 tutored, counseled, and graduated hundreds of residents from

1 Robbins and the surrounding communities; while working at
2 Moraine Valley, she served as village clerk for Robbins for 12
3 years; after her retirement, the college named a section of the
4 B-Building in her honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie began her second career with her
6 campaign for mayor of Robbins in 1989; her mayoral scholarship
7 has funded tuition costs for hundreds of students throughout
8 the years and her individual efforts have produced teachers,
9 lawyers, doctors, engineers, and educators around the globe;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie has a history of service to her
12 community, including, serving as vice-president of the
13 Illinois Municipal League, executive board member and
14 assistant secretary of the National Conference of Black Mayors,
15 and appointed chair of the Education Committee and Scholarship
16 Committee for the National Conference of Black Mayors; she has
17 been appointed to numerous gubernatorial transition teams, a
18 member of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus under former Mayor
19 Richard Daley, served on various State and federal advisory
20 boards, served as guest lecturer in 1993 and 1994 to the
21 Harvard University Graduate School of Business, and served on
22 President Bill Clinton's environmental think-tank group; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Brodie is married to J. Edmon Brodie and has

1 one child, Jeraye E. Brodie; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Dr. Irene Brodie on her 24th consecutive year
5 as mayor of Robbins, and we honor her life's accomplishments;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Dr. Irene Brodie, mayor of Robbins, as an
9 expression of our esteem and respect.