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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor the tenure of our esteemed
4 colleague State Representative Lisa Dugan and thank her for her
5 dedicated service to her State and her community; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Dugan was born and raised in
7 Kankakee, where she and her husband, Jack, raised their 2
8 daughters, Danielle and Jaclyn; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Dugan contributed to the business
10 and labor communities in Kankakee County, working as a
11 journeyman electrician with the International Brotherhood of
12 Electrical Workers Local 176 and helping to launch the
13 Bradley-Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce, serving as President
14 and CEO of the Chamber from 1998 until 2003 as the Chamber grew
15 to represent the interests of more than 500 local businesses of
16 all sizes; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Dugan committed herself to serving
18 her community, volunteering on more than 50 boards and
19 community planning organizations including Harbor House, a
20 domestic violence shelter, Options, an independent living
21 center that advocates for persons with disabilities, Easter
22 Seals, Victims Assistance, Pause for Patriotism, and the

1 Manteno Veterans Home; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Dugan's experience as a journeyman
3 electrician in a largely male-dominated field helped inspire
4 her passion to advocate on behalf of equal pay and women's
5 rights in the workplace as a member of the Illinois General
6 Assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Dugan served as a strong voice on
8 behalf of Illinois' firefighters; she helped to launch the
9 Cornerstone Training Program, was named an honorary fire chief
10 by the Illinois Fire Association, and received the Legislator
11 of the Year Award from the Associated Fire Fighters of
12 Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Dugan is an advocate for those who
14 sacrificed so much for our country; she has fought for
15 legislation to help veterans receive the benefits they earned,
16 help them find civilian jobs, and shield the families of our
17 fallen heroes from the despicable protests of hate groups; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Dugan championed legislation to
19 improve the lives of countless Illinois families, including
20 requiring insurance companies to cover life-saving screenings
21 for breast and cervical cancer, a comprehensive road
22 construction and jobs plan that invested in her district's

1 roads, bridges, and schools, reforms to give citizens greater
2 access to government information, and requiring government to
3 live within its means; and

4 WHEREAS, Sharing her generosity and holiday spirit,
5 Representative Dugan began holding holiday yard sales, where
6 she sold items from her personal collection of Christmas
7 decorations to raise money for charity; she works to ensure
8 that, even in difficult times, children have a gift to open on
9 Christmas morning by coordinating an annual toy drive
10 benefitting families in her community; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Dugan has worked to instill a sense
12 of community among future generations by establishing her own
13 Community Service Scholarship, which is awarded to students who
14 demonstrate a commitment to community involvement; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Dugan's generosity, kindness, and
16 extraordinary work ethic are an example to those who have
17 served alongside her; 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 and thank State Representative Lisa Dugan for
21 her years of dedicated service; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Representative Dugan as an expression of our
3 respect and esteem, with our best wishes for her future
4 success.