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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Linda Frank on the
4 occasion of her retirement as Clerk of the Circuit Court for
5 the 6th Judicial Circuit on November 30, 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, Linda Frank was meritoriously chosen to serve as
7 the Circuit Clerk of Champaign County by the judges of the 6th
8 Judicial Circuit in 1991; she was subsequently elected to the
9 position by the voters of Champaign County in 1992 and
10 re-elected to the position in 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008; and

11 WHEREAS, As Circuit Clerk, Linda Frank has been
12 instrumental in the creation of numerous programs that have
13 greatly improved the services provided by the department,
14 including a direct deposit program for child support
15 recipients, the Traffic Safety Program that provides first time
16 offenders with an option to take a class to remove minor
17 violations from their record, and the Mandatory Insurance
18 Program that enables citizens to avoid a court appearance by
19 documenting insurance in the Clerk's office; her work made the
20 Champaign County Courthouse one of the first courthouses in
21 Illinois to offer secured payment of court fees via personal
22 check; she negotiated the first Union contract in Circuit Clerk
23 history; she introduced detailed financial reports on the court

1 system to the Champaign County Board; she was instrumental in
2 providing accessible parking for jurors with disabilities; she
3 arranged for the Urbana Historical Archives to preserve court
4 records in lieu of costly county storage or destruction; she
5 was a member of a team that established county policy of having
6 criminal offenders pay a fine that benefits "Crimestoppers" as
7 part of their sentence; her department is also one of only two
8 Champaign County departments with both increased revenues and
9 decreased expenditures according to the most recent annual
10 financial report for the County; and

11 WHEREAS, Prior to her tenure as Circuit Clerk, Linda Frank
12 served as a member of the Champaign County Board from 1982 to
13 1991; she served as chairman of the board's Personal and Public
14 Officials Committee and was a member of the Justice and Public
15 Safety, Health Services, Environmental and Land Use, and
16 General Services Committees; during her stint on the Board, she
17 was responsible for the successful passage of the hotel-motel
18 tax, which helped generate revenue to defray the costs of
19 renovations to Willard Airport; she was also instrumental in
20 the defeat of the Champaign County nuclear waste site, the
21 efforts to initiate an Alzheimer's Unit in Champaign County,
22 and the development of an inter-generational day care center;
23 she also worked with the Champaign Unit 4 School District
24 Special Education Programs from 1986 to 1991 and was a co-owner
25 of Texture Protein Products, Inc. from 1973 to 1975; and

1 WHEREAS, Linda Frank is affiliated with numerous legal and
2 civic organizations, including the Illinois Association of
3 Court Clerks, the Sixth Circuit Family Violence Council, the
4 Child Support Advisory Committee, the Administrative Office of
5 Illinois Courts, TASH, the National Association of County
6 Officials, the Champaign Chamber of Commerce, the League of
7 Women Voters, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program's
8 Advisory Council, the DCFS Regional Youth Planning Committee,
9 the Champaign County Republicans, the Illinois Juvenile
10 Justice Commission, the Champaign County Historical Museum
11 Board of Trustees, and the Champaign Unit 4 School District
12 Gifted and Talented Committee; she also served as the County
13 Representative for the National Organization on Disabilities;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Linda Frank won the National Award for Excellence
16 in Government for Public Access Services for being the first
17 clerk in the State to offer an innovative computerized remote
18 access to court records; she has also been the recipient of
19 numerous other awards and designations, including the National
20 Achievement Award for Excellence in Government (1995) and the
21 World's Who's Who Among Women (1987); and

22 WHEREAS, Linda Frank serves as a model of hard work,
23 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of

1 Illinois; 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 Linda Frank on the occasion of her retirement
5 and wish her many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Linda Frank as a symbol of our esteem and respect.