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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Vicki Kirkpatrick on the  
4 occasion of her retirement as Coles County Circuit Clerk; and

5           WHEREAS, Vicki Kirkpatrick began serving as the Coles  
6 County Circuit Clerk on December 1, 1992; she was subsequently  
7 reelected to the position in 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008 and  
8 remained in the position until her retirement on November 30,  
9 2012; and

10           WHEREAS, During her tenure as Circuit Clerk, Vicki  
11 Kirkpatrick was instrumental in the creation of numerous  
12 improvements to the Circuit Clerk's office, including  
13 increasing public access to court records, making court records  
14 available to the public online, implementing the electronic  
15 payments of fines, implementing a program that allows citizens  
16 to enter a guilty plea on a traffic citation online and pay  
17 online, and establishing a records imaging system that allows  
18 judges to immediately access electronic court files; and

19           WHEREAS, Prior to her service as Circuit Clerk, Vicki  
20 Kirkpatrick served as a Deputy County Clerk for Coles County  
21 from 1975 to 1985 and as an administrative assistant to  
22 Appellate Justice Joseph R. Spitz in Springfield from 1986 to

1 1991; she was also elected to serve as Morgan Township Clerk in  
2 Coles County in April of 1989 and served until her election as  
3 Circuit Clerk in 1992; and

4 WHEREAS, Vicki Kirkpatrick has been a member of the  
5 Illinois Association of Court Clerks and the Coles County  
6 Republicans and Republican Women; she was also appointed by  
7 Justice Rita Garman to serve on a committee to interview and  
8 make a recommendation for filling a vacancy for Circuit Judge  
9 in Coles County and was a past board member of an adult  
10 literacy committee; and

11 WHEREAS, Vicki Kirkpatrick plans to spend her retirement  
12 with her husband, Len, and keep busy with her various pursuits;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate Vicki Kirkpatrick on the occasion of her  
17 retirement and wish her continued success and happiness in the  
18 future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
20 presented to Vicki Kirkpatrick as a symbol of our esteem and  
21 respect.