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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our friend and colleague,  
4 Illinois State Representative Sandy Cole, for her years of  
5 dedicated service to the people of the State of Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Representative Cole was born on December 29, 1953,  
7 in Green Bay, Wisconsin; she earned her bachelor of science  
8 degree from Rockford College in 1976, where she majored in  
9 graphic arts, minored in mathematics, and received a secondary  
10 education teaching certificate; and

11           WHEREAS, Representative Cole spent 10 years serving on the  
12 Lake County Board representing the 11th District from  
13 1996-2006; she has been a leader on a wide variety of issues  
14 including open space, environmental protection, and  
15 transportation; she was widely regarded as a budget hawk on the  
16 Lake County Board and helped to set policy and direction for  
17 the county's budget; and

18           WHEREAS, Representative Cole served as a Forest Preserve  
19 Commissioner, helping the Forest Preserve District acquire  
20 more than 7,000 acres of forest preserve land; she served as a  
21 director on the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County from  
22 1998-2006, and as a director for the Soil and Water

1 Conservation District of Lake County from 1994-1996; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Cole served as the State  
3 representative of the 62nd District from 2007 to 2013 where she  
4 championed her "Family Focus" legislative agenda, a  
5 comprehensive list of legislative priorities aimed at  
6 improving the quality of life for families and communities in  
7 Lake County and throughout Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS Representative Cole has been a leader in the  
9 General Assembly on women's health issues by hosting women and  
10 senior health and wellness fairs, and also by fighting hard to  
11 help pass legislation to fund the Sexual Assault Services and  
12 Prevention Fund, which helps provide critical services to women  
13 in need; and

14 WHEREAS Representative Cole was instrumental in securing  
15 open space grants for the Lake County Forest Preserve District,  
16 Lake Villa Township, and the Round Lake Area Park District for  
17 the construction of hiking trails, playgrounds, soccer fields,  
18 and other recreational facilities for the constituents of the  
19 62nd District; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Cole has been a strong voice for  
21 fiscal responsibility, consistently voting to slash her own pay  
22 and working to balance the budget while holding the line on

1 taxes to protect the citizens of Illinois; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Cole has placed children's safety  
3 as a top priority including an expansion to the Infant Safe  
4 Haven laws, allowing mothers who are in crisis or who have  
5 nowhere else to turn a solution for the safety and well-being  
6 of the infant, and she also fought to enhance Illinois prison  
7 sentences to those that commit sexual crimes against children;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Cole, being a member of the  
10 Illinois Alzheimer's Legislators Alliance, has fought to bring  
11 awareness to this devastating disease; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Cole has sponsored a number of  
13 community events to assist children, families, and senior  
14 citizens, including an Autism forum for families affected by  
15 children with autism, a family internet safety seminar for  
16 parents and their kids, an unemployment insurance workshop for  
17 small businesses, a veterans services forum, a business  
18 prosperity town hall focused on state fiscal issues and several  
19 outreach events for local senior citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Cole has lived in Lake County for  
21 over 27 years and has been married to Stephen Cole for 29  
22 years; they have 3 children, 2 daughters and one son and one

1 grandchild, Annabel; 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 honor our friend and colleague, Illinois State  
5 Representative Sandy Cole, for her years of dedicated service  
6 to the people of this State and wish her great success and  
7 happiness in her future endeavors; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Representative Cole as a symbol of our esteem and  
10 respect.