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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to honor Representative Rosemary Mulligan  
4 on her service and accomplishments in the General Assembly and  
5 to congratulate her on her retirement from serving the people  
6 of northwest suburban Cook County in the 65th District  
7 (formerly 55th District); and

8           WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan was born and raised in  
9 Chicago, moved with her family to Park Ridge in 1955, and then  
10 moved to Des Plaines when she married; and

11           WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan earned her A.A.S. degree  
12 in Legal Technology from Harper College in Palatine in 1982,  
13 was a recipient of a 4-year scholarship from Illinois State  
14 University in Normal, and received further education at the  
15 Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education; and

16           WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan, first elected in 1992,  
17 has become, during her 20 years in the Illinois House, a leader  
18 on State budget issues (particularly human services  
19 appropriations), family issues, health care, and early  
20 childhood education; and

21           WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan is the first Des Plaines

1 resident to serve in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan is recognized for her  
3 expertise in prescription drug problems, compulsive gambling,  
4 health insurance coverage and reforms, welfare-to-work, and  
5 victims' rights; and

6 WHEREAS, Some of Representative Mulligan's key  
7 accomplishments include passage of a bill making female genital  
8 mutilation illegal in Illinois, the establishment of the  
9 veterans' scratch-off lottery card to fund veteran's programs  
10 in Illinois, her most recent bill to allow for an income tax  
11 check-off to help pay for prosthesis replacements for veterans,  
12 funding for fighting the flooding issues in the Des Plaines  
13 River area, programs to fight compulsive gambling and other  
14 addictions, transportation issues including the S-curve in Des  
15 Plaines, and working with former Mayor Paul Jung and former  
16 State Rep. Carolyn Krause; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan has served as majority  
18 chair or minority spokesperson of the Illinois House Human  
19 Services Appropriations Committee for 17 of her 20 years in the  
20 General Assembly; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan has served on many  
22 committees throughout her time in the General Assembly,

1 including the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, the  
2 Access to Federal Funding Committee (minority spokesperson),  
3 the Appropriations for Elementary & Secondary Education  
4 Committee, the Appropriations for Human Services Committee  
5 (minority spokesperson), the Business & Occupational Licenses  
6 Committee, Health Care Availability & Accessibility, Health  
7 Care Licenses, and the Medicaid Reform, Family & Children  
8 Services Committee (minority spokesperson); and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan has served on numerous  
10 other task forces and committees, including the Illinois  
11 Discharged Service Member Task Force, the Governor's Senior  
12 Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Committee, the Joint Task  
13 Force on Immigrant Issues, the Early Intervention Task Force,  
14 the Elder Abuse Task Force, and the Illinois Workforce  
15 Investment Board; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan was chosen and served the  
17 Women's Political and Economic Leadership Conferences in  
18 Northern Ireland and London in 1999; she was also a delegate to  
19 Israel and was the program chair for the White House Women's  
20 Economic Leadership Summit in 1997; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan additionally served on  
22 the Citizens Council on Children, the Illinois Clemency Project  
23 for Battered Women, the National Advisory Council of the

1 Campaign for Women's Health, and the Citizens Committee for the  
2 Juvenile Court Advisory; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan has received numerous  
4 awards and honors and was named "One of the Top 100 Women  
5 Making A Difference" by Today's Chicago Woman; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan has received countless  
7 awards for her advocacy and work in the legislature and  
8 community, including the Zonta Club of Northwest Cook County,  
9 the Health Care Council of Illinois Legislator of the Year  
10 Award, the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation  
11 Certificate of Appreciation, the Lutheran Social Services of  
12 Illinois Legislative Champion Award, the American Cancer  
13 Society Leadership Award for Smoke-Free Illinois Act, the Maine  
14 Center Legislative Star Award, the Illinois Farm Bureau  
15 ACTIVATOR Friend of Agriculture Award, the Illinois Health Care  
16 Association Legislator of the Year, the IL Council Against  
17 Handgun Violence Legislative Advocacy Award, the IL Area  
18 Vocational Directors Council and IL Education Employment  
19 System Directors Leadership Certificate of Appreciation, the  
20 IL Primary Health Care Association Legislative Advocacy Award,  
21 the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Certificate of  
22 Appreciation, the Civic Leadership Recognition Award of the  
23 Polish American Leadership Initiative, the Legislative Award  
24 of the Italian American Political Coalition, the Friend of

1 Consumer Award from the Illinois Coalition for Competitive  
2 Telecommunications, the Legislator of the Year Award from The  
3 Harbour, Inc., the Youth Campus Award, the Francine M.  
4 Bernstein Make It Happen Award, the Leadership Award from the  
5 Illinois Library Association, the Outstanding Legislator Award  
6 from the Campaign for Better Health, the Certificate of  
7 Appreciation from the Illinois Immigrant Coalition, the  
8 National Pathfinder Award from the Center for Policy  
9 Alternatives, the Legislator of the Year Award-North Suburban  
10 Library System, the Outstanding Working Woman of the  
11 Year-Illinois Business & Professional Women (BPW), the  
12 Leadership Award-Illinois Library Association, the Human  
13 Dignity Award from the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic  
14 Violence, the Legislator of the Year from the National Council  
15 on Problem and Compulsive Gambling, the Legislator of the Year,  
16 Illinois Association of Community Mental Health Agencies, the  
17 Courage Award from the Women's Leadership Conference, the Ida  
18 B. Wells-Barnett Award, the Heart Start Chicago Award of the  
19 National Center for Clinical Infant Programs, the Illinois  
20 Community College Trustee Association Distinguished Alumnus  
21 Award, and the Champion of Local Government Award from the  
22 Suburban Mayors Action Coalition of Cook County; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan has served on various  
24 professional and community organizations, including the  
25 Flemming Fellow Leadership National Board, the National

1 Conference of State Legislators Health Forum, the Illinois  
2 Conference of Women Legislators (COWL), the Illinois  
3 Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW), the  
4 Advisory Board of Avenues to Independence, the Advisory Board  
5 of Have Dreams, Illinois Republican Committeewoman's  
6 Roundtable, Maine Township Regular Republican Organization,  
7 Northwest Suburban Republican Women, League of Women Voters,  
8 National Women's Political Caucus, and the Illinois Women's  
9 Political Caucus; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Mulligan is the mother of 2 sons,  
11 Dan and Matt, and the grandmother of Sophia and Isabelle; and

12 WHEREAS, Members of the Illinois House of Representatives  
13 will miss both the candor and dedication with which  
14 Representative Mulligan tackles issues that come before the  
15 chamber and wish her well in retirement; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we honor Representative Rosemary Mulligan on her time and  
19 accomplishments in the Illinois House; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Representative Rosemary Mulligan as an expression  
22 of our esteem and respect.