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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Irvana Wilks has served the people of Mount
3 Prospect as mayor for 8 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Prior to her tenure as mayor, Irvana Wilks served
5 for 14 years as a trustee on the Mount Prospect Village Board
6 and 5 years as a member of the Business District Development
7 and Redevelopment Commission before that; and

8 WHEREAS, Irvana Wilks served on the Cook County Economic
9 Development Advisory Committee for 15 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Irvana Wilks has been an active participant in
11 numerous charitable activities, including Kiwanis, United Way
12 of Mount Prospect-Prospect Heights, and the League of Women
13 Voters; and

14 WHEREAS, Irvana Wilks played a leading role in the economic
15 development of Mount Prospect, overseeing the conversion of
16 Randhurst Mall into the vibrant new Randhurst Village as well
17 as maintaining a balanced budget after the recent financial
18 crisis; and

19 WHEREAS, Irvana Wilks was a leader in addressing flooding
20 and sewage issues through her service as director of North Cook

1 County Soil and Water Conservation, her work with the Solid
2 Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, and her promotion of the
3 Levee 37 project, which protected homes along the Des Plaines
4 River which had previously been vulnerable to flooding; and

5 WHEREAS, Irvana Wilks was an advocate for the poor and
6 disabled, serving as vice-chair of the Northwest Housing
7 Partnership and enabling the construction of Myers Place in
8 Mount Prospect, a supportive-housing development for people
9 with mental illness; and

10 WHEREAS, Irvana Wilks has been an energetic, effective, and
11 motivated leader of the Mount Prospect Village Board who has
12 fostered an atmosphere of respect, consensus, and achievement,
13 and has made herself and her office available to all segments
14 of the community; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we are pleased to honor Mayor Irvana K. Wilks on her years of
18 service to the citizens of Mount Prospect, and on all of her
19 many accomplishments, and we wish her well in all of her future
20 endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Irvana Wilks as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.