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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Ann Hilton Fisher on the
4 occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the AIDS
5 Legal Council of Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Ann Hilton Fisher earned her Bachelor of Arts in
7 Sociology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1969
8 and her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School in
9 Detroit, Michigan in 1977; and

10 WHEREAS, After clerking in the United States Court of
11 Appeals for the Seventh Circuit from 1978 to 1980, Ann Hilton
12 Fisher served as a staff attorney at the Legal Assistance
13 Foundation's office in Chicago from 1980 to 1986; she
14 subsequently served as a senior attorney for the Legal
15 Assistance Foundation's Disability Law Project from 1987 to
16 1994 before working as a supervisor for the Legal Assistance
17 Foundation's HIV Law Project from 1994 to 1997; in July of
18 1997, she was selected to serve as Executive Director of the
19 AIDS Legal Council of Chicago, where she remained until her
20 retirement; and

21 WHEREAS, During Ann Hilton Fisher's tenure at the AIDS
22 Legal Council of Chicago, the organization's staff has doubled,

1 the budget has greatly increased, and the number of cases has
2 increased to approximately 1,500 per year; under her
3 leadership, new projects were created at the AIDS Legal Council
4 of Chicago assisting HIV+ immigrants, HIV-impacted families,
5 HIV+ youth, and clients who want to return to work from
6 disability; and

7 WHEREAS, Ann Hilton Fisher has used her advocacy skills to
8 benefit seniors and persons with disabilities; she helped to
9 initiate and lead the effort to raise Medicaid eligibility in
10 Illinois from 41% of the federal poverty level to 100%,
11 resulting in almost 100,000 seniors and persons with
12 disabilities in Illinois becoming newly eligible for Medicaid;
13 she also worked with a coalition to repeal Illinois's HIV
14 Principal Notification law; and

15 WHEREAS, Ann Hilton Fisher has been a well-respected
16 trainer of many social service agencies, law schools, medical
17 clinics, bar association committees, HIV+ support groups, and
18 other organizations on many complex legal issues, including
19 Medicare Part D pharmaceutical programs and issues surrounding
20 the Affordable Care Act; she has also been the author of
21 numerous publications and lectures dealing with a wide range of
22 legal topics; and

23 WHEREAS, Ann Hilton Fisher has been the recipient of

1 numerous awards and recognitions from numerous civic and legal
2 organizations, including the Illinois State Bar Association,
3 the Chicago Bar Association, the Hearts Foundation, the
4 Illinois Lawyers Trust Fund, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago,
5 the Council for Disability Rights, and the Legal Assistance
6 Foundation of Chicago; and

7 WHEREAS, Ann Hilton Fisher has volunteered as a docent at
8 the historic Second Presbyterian Church in Chicago since 2010,
9 gladly offering visitors a tour of the church and its famed
10 Tiffany stained glass windows; she is an avid birdwatcher, a
11 proud lifelong Yooper, and a lover of photography who routinely
12 delights her friends with her candid street scenes and lovely
13 pictures of nature; she is a friend and mentor to her staff, a
14 champion for her clients, and an admired and respected partner
15 in advocacy for the rights of people with HIV, seniors, and
16 persons with disabilities; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Ann Hilton Fisher on the occasion of her
20 retirement and wish her continued success and happiness in the
21 future; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to Ann Hilton Fisher as a symbol of our esteem and

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1 respect.