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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Marcia Young on
4 the occasion of her retirement as superintendent for the David
5 Davis Mansion State Historic Site; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Young has played a significant role in the
7 enhancement of the quality of life for McLean County residents;
8 as superintendent for David Davis Mansion State Historic Site,
9 she has helped to bring the world to the mansion's doorstep for
10 24 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the staff of the Illinois
12 Historic Preservation Agency in 1990, Dr. Young served as the
13 last director of the University Museums at Illinois State
14 University in the late 1980s; during her tenure, she helped
15 foster a new era in museum programming, marketing, and
16 collections management; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Young helped oversee the restoration of Clover
18 Lawn - known today as the David Davis Mansion, and has helped
19 staff and volunteers survive and thrive, even during times of
20 reduced funding; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Young has undertaken numerous collaborations

1 with area schools, other museums, and various organizations to
2 design outstanding programs that offer quality educational
3 programs and entertaining views of history for all ages; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Young has encouraged and facilitated the
5 development of numerous special programs and events designed to
6 expand area tourism and support the fund-raising efforts of the
7 non-profit David Davis Mansion Foundation; thousands of
8 visitors have enjoyed such annual events as Christmas at the
9 Mansions, the Bountiful Feast, Civil War Days, presentations by
10 the Tea Ladies, and the Glorious Garden Walk; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Young's support of the efforts to reclaim and
12 interpret Sarah's Garden on the grounds of the Davis Mansion
13 has resulted in a lasting partnership with McLean County Master
14 Gardeners and honors for the heirloom garden; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Young has helped local residents and visitors
16 appreciate the important role Judge David Davis played in
17 Abraham Lincoln's life and his rise to the presidency; under
18 her leadership, the story of the Davis Mansion has also been
19 greatly expanded to share stories about Sarah Davis and others
20 who lived and worked in this remarkable Victorian-era home; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Young has been affiliated with the Looking for
22 Lincoln Heritage Coalition for more than 10 years; she served

1 as board chairman, and helped oversee the establishment of the
2 Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Young is a past-President of the Illinois
4 Association of Museums; she also served on the Abraham Lincoln
5 Bicentennial Commission of McLean County and is a board member
6 for the Heritage Association of McLean County; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Young is a respected educator and has taught
8 courses and conducted workshops for students of all ages since
9 she arrived in Bloomington in 1970; she has mentored countless
10 interns from area universities, and generously assisted
11 scholars, authors, and documentary filmmakers seeking
12 information about the Davis family, Clover Lawn, and life in
13 nineteenth-century America; and

14 WHEREAS, As Dr. Marcia Young retires from her long-time
15 position with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, she
16 plans to continue her volunteer service with the Davis Mansion
17 Foundation and several other related organizations; her
18 knowledge and enthusiasm have been invaluable, her leadership
19 has been steadfast, and countless people have benefited from
20 her unwavering dedication; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Dr. Marcia Young on her retirement as
2 superintendent for the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site,
3 and we wish her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Dr. Young as an expression of our esteem and
7 respect.