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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kathy Bovid on the
4 occasion of her early retirement as Associate Director of State
5 Government Affairs at Bristol-Myers Squibb; and

6 WHEREAS, Kathy Bovid is the Associate Director of State
7 Government Affairs at Bristol-Myers Squibb, one of the nation's
8 leading BioPhRMA companies; she has worked there for nearly 29
9 years, beginning in 1985; and

10 WHEREAS, Kathy Bovid has worked tirelessly with state
11 government health program administrators, managed care plans,
12 legislators, and advocacy organizations to promote disease
13 awareness and help improve access to appropriate treatment for
14 patients with serious mental health illnesses, cancer,
15 HIV/AIDS, diabetes, heart disease, and hepatitis, among
16 others; and

17 WHEREAS, Kathy Bovid has been a passionate and instrumental
18 resource for the General Assembly as a lobbyist on a multitude
19 of complex healthcare issues, bringing a wealth of expertise
20 from her prior service in posts ranging from Senior Region
21 Director of State Government Operations to State Government
22 Sales Associate, where she began her work with state

1 governments; and

2 WHEREAS, Kathy Bovid earned her Master's of Business
3 Administration degree from the University of Michigan while
4 working as a microbiologist at University Hospital in Michigan;
5 she also attained certification as a Medical Technologist by
6 the American Society of Clinical Pathology from William
7 Beaumont School of Medical Technology and earned a Bachelor of
8 Arts degree from Oakland University; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating in 1985, Kathy Bovid accepted a
10 sales position with Bristol-Myers Squibb in the State of
11 Michigan; after 3 years there, she relocated to Chicago to
12 accept a promotion and assist in the creation of a new
13 department to improve access to pharmaceuticals for patients
14 with serious diseases; and

15 WHEREAS, Kathy Bovid was born and raised in Michigan, while
16 her father was born in Illinois; her Lithuanian and Swedish
17 immigrant grandparents all lived and worked in Chicago in their
18 early adult years; and

19 WHEREAS, While Kathy Bovid is taking early retirement from
20 her responsibilities at Bristol-Myers Squibb, she will remain
21 active in a variety of healthcare causes and personal pursuits,
22 both professional and as a volunteer in her Chicago Lakeview

1 community; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Kathy Bovid on her remarkable 29 year career in
5 healthcare, including most recently as Associate Director of
6 State Government Affairs at Bristol-Myers Squibb; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Kathy Bovid as an expression of our esteem and
10 respect.