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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Illinois State
4 Representative Kay Hatcher of Yorkville on her distinguished
5 service to the people of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher has been a member of the
7 Illinois House of Representatives since 2009 and has served
8 this body with honor and distinction; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher began her career in public
10 service in 1985 by winning election to the Oswego School Board,
11 where she served until 1991; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher was subsequently appointed
13 to the Kendall County Board in 1991, winning election in her
14 own right in 1992; and

15 WHEREAS, After retiring from the Kendall County Board in
16 1996, Representative Hatcher was re-elected to the Board in
17 2002; she also served as President of the Kendall County Forest
18 Preserve District until 2008; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher won a majority of the vote
20 in a 4-way primary in March of 2008 for the open 50th

1 Representative District seat, vacated by retiring State
2 Representative Patricia Reid Lindner; she went on to win the
3 General Election in November of 2008 serving portions of Kane,
4 Kendall, and LaSalle Counties; and

5 WHEREAS, During the 98th General Assembly, Representative
6 Hatcher served as Republican Spokesperson on the Human
7 Services, Transportation: Vehicles and Safety, and Tourism &
8 Conventions Committees; she also served on the
9 Appropriations-General Services, Public Utilities, Veterans'
10 Affairs, Health Care Availability and Accessibility,
11 Transportation: License Plates, and Transportation: Signs
12 Committees; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher has been a trailblazer
14 among and leader of Illinois Republican women; she was an
15 Illinois Lincoln Series Fellow with the Class of 1999, State
16 President of the Illinois Federation of Republican Women from
17 2004 to 2005, a former board member of the National Federation
18 of Republican Women, Governor of the Illinois Lincoln Series
19 Board from 2006 to 2008, and Precinct Committeewoman in Kendall
20 Township from 1996 to 2008; and

21 WHEREAS, A lifelong Illinois resident, Representative
22 Hatcher has also long managed her family's farm in central
23 Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher received corporate
2 communications training at Boston College's Carroll School of
3 Management; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher is married to Steve
5 Hatcher, a United States Army veteran and former executive
6 director of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and Oswego Chamber
7 of Commerce; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher and her husband are the
9 proud parents of 4 children, Beth, Bonnie, Jennifer, and Curt;
10 together, they have welcomed 6 beautiful grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher has been noted for leading
12 the effort to respect fallen United States service members and
13 their families by sponsoring and passing a new law in 2011 to
14 expand Illinois' "Let Them Rest in Peace Act", strengthening
15 restrictions on protests at military funerals to protect the
16 privacy of grieving families; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher has made immeasurable
18 contributions to the public good through her extensive civic
19 and volunteer involvement, including past service as Greater
20 Aurora Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Chair,
21 membership on the River Valley Workforce Investment Board, the

1 Aurora Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board,
2 Conservation Foundation Leadership Board, the Valley
3 Industrial Association Board, the Naperville Development
4 Partnership Board, the Oak Brook Association of Commerce and
5 Industry Board, the United Way of Aurora Board, the St. Charles
6 United Way Board, the Three Fires Boy Scout Board, the
7 Paramount Arts Council Endowment Board, the Court Appointed
8 Special Advocate Board, the DuPage Girl Scout Board, the Fox
9 Valley Symphony Board, the Community Counseling Board, and the
10 Family Counseling Board, among many others; she was also
11 President of the Boulder Hill Civic Association, President of
12 the Kendall County Crime Stoppers, a member and Legislative
13 Chairman of the Naperville Chamber of Commerce Board, President
14 of the DuKane Valley Council Board, and Rotary President; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher enjoyed a successful
16 career in the private sector as Community Affairs Director for
17 Illinois Bell in the non-profit sector as Senior Marketing
18 Director for Senior Services Associates, Inc.; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Hatcher has been honored by
20 numerous organizations in recognition of her outstanding
21 service in the General Assembly, including the Illinois Farm
22 Bureau ACTIVATOR Friend of Agriculture Award and Legislator of
23 the Year from the Metro West Council of Government, among
24 others; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Representative Kay Hatcher on her retirement
4 from the General Assembly and wish her all the best in her
5 future endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Representative Hatcher as an expression of our
8 esteem and respect for our colleague and friend.