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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Illinois State
4 Representative Sandra Pihos for her 12 years of service and
5 hard work on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos has had a long and
7 distinguished career in public service; she first served her
8 local community for many years as a member and president of the
9 Glenbard High School District #87 School Board before her
10 election to the Illinois House of Representatives in 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos has been a resident of Glen
12 Ellyn for 41 years, having taught both elementary and middle
13 school; she also worked as a high school guidance counselor and
14 held the position of vice president of Pihos Enterprises, a
15 restaurant management firm, from 1993 to 2000; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos is especially proud of her
17 work in the Illinois House of Representatives as a long-time
18 member of the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee,
19 where she served as the Minority Spokesperson; she also served
20 as the Minority Spokesperson for the Appropriations Elementary
21 and Secondary Education, Disability Services, Aging, and
22 Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Committees; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos was a member of numerous
2 Committees, including the Consumer Protection, Accountability
3 & Administrative Review, Small Business Empowerment &
4 Workforce Development, Appropriations-Human Services, Commerce
5 and Business Development, Public Policy and Accountability,
6 Tourism and Conventions, Mass Transit, Telecommunications,
7 Housing, and Tollway Oversight Committees; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos served the General Assembly
9 as a member of the Legislative Audit Commission, the Illinois
10 Workforce Development Board, the Bi-Partisan Job Creation Task
11 Force, the Charter Schools Task Force, the Joint Task Force on
12 Community Colleges, as Chair of the Special Education Funding
13 Task Force, Co-Chair of the Commission on the Elimination of
14 Poverty, Co-Chair of the Internet Safety Task Force, and
15 Co-Chair of the Advisory on Education Funding; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos will be remembered for her
17 outstanding record of support for education, social security
18 protection, consumer protection, identity theft, affordable
19 housing, health awareness, children's health insurance, and
20 environmental issues; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos was awarded the Philip J.
22 Rock Center and School Meritorious Service Award, the Illinois

1 Coalition of Community Blood Centers Representative of the Year
2 Award, and has been recognized as Woman of the Year by the
3 United Hellenic Voters; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos has also received the
5 Legislator of the Year Award by several organizations,
6 including the Illinois Optometric Association, the Illinois
7 School Counselor Association, the Illinois Association of
8 School Administrators, the DuPage Housing Action Coalition,
9 the Ray Graham Association, the Western DuPage Special
10 Recreation Association, the Illinois Association of School
11 Social Workers, and the Northeastern DuPage Special Recreation
12 Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos has received the Alzheimer's
14 Advocacy Award, the American Conservative Union Foundation
15 Award, the First Responder Emergency Preparedness and Disaster
16 Response Readiness Award, the Illinois Coalition of Community
17 Blood Centers Representative of the Year Award, the Housing
18 Action Illinois Golden Trowel Award, the Guardian of Small
19 Business Award, the Partners in Quality Award for her
20 dedication to the advancement of quality in older adult
21 services, the DuPage Center for Independent Living Spirit of
22 ADA Award, the Illinois Farm Bureau Activator Award, the
23 American Cancer Society Regional Advocacy Partner Award, and
24 the Illinois Environmental Council Award; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos is the former co-chair of the
2 Conference of Women Legislators and the current Illinois State
3 Director of Women in Government; she is also the current
4 co-chair of the NEW Leadership Program, which hones the
5 leadership skills of young women, and the co-founder of the
6 Illinois Alzheimer Legislators Alliance; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Pihos serves on several boards,
8 including Giant Steps Illinois, the Partnership for
9 Educational Progress Foundation, Family Shelter Service, the
10 DuPage Regional Leadership Council of the American Cancer
11 Society, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate our friend and colleague, State Representative
16 Sandra Pihos, on her retirement from the Illinois of House of
17 Representatives and wish her the best in her future endeavors;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Representative Pihos as a symbol of our respect
21 and esteem.