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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Ellen Shepard on the  
4 occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the  
5 Andersonville Chamber of Commerce after 16 years of service;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Ellen Shepard has been Executive Director of the  
8 Andersonville Chamber of Commerce and the Andersonville  
9 Development Corporation in Chicago's Andersonville  
10 neighborhood since 1999; and

11 WHEREAS, When Ellen Shepard joined the Andersonville  
12 Chamber of Commerce it was a one-person operation; under her  
13 leadership, the Andersonville neighborhood has become one of  
14 the foremost communities in the United States using  
15 localization and environmental sustainability as economic  
16 development strategies; she spearheaded the growth of Chamber  
17 programs and the creation of the Andersonville Development  
18 Corporation; Andersonville now hosts over a dozen special  
19 events each year; and

20 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Andersonville Chamber of  
21 Commerce, Ellen Shepard was a public relations and marketing  
22 consultant for organizations, including the Chicago Department

1 of Housing and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation; her  
2 experience with small businesses began at the League of Chicago  
3 Theatres, where she provided technical assistance to arts  
4 organizations; she spent a decade before that as a stage  
5 manager and technician on assorted Chicago stages; she has a  
6 Master of Arts in Urban Studies from Loyola University; she  
7 enjoys singing in a variety of folk and jazz groups and playing  
8 the banjo; and

9 WHEREAS, Ellen Shepard will officially be leaving the  
10 Andersonville Chamber of Commerce in March of 2016; therefore,  
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 congratulate Ellen Shepard on her retirement as Executive  
15 Director of the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce after 16  
16 years of service; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Ellen Shepard as an expression of our esteem and  
19 respect.