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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Sophia Shaw on the
4 occasion of her retirement as President and CEO of the Chicago
5 Botanic Gardens; and

6 WHEREAS, Sophia Shaw served as the Chicago Botanic Gardens'
7 President and CEO for eight years; in that time, she has
8 developed the Chicago Botanic Gardens into one of the truly
9 great botanic gardens and plant conservation science centers in
10 the world; and

11 WHEREAS, During Sophia Shaw's tenure, the Chicago Botanic
12 Gardens opened the Gold LEED-rated 38,000 square-foot Daniel F.
13 and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center, the Trellis
14 Bridge, the Bernice E. Lavin Plant Evaluation Garden, the
15 Grunsfeld Children's Growing Garden, the Butterflies and
16 Blooms exhibit, and the Kleinman Family Cove; renovated the
17 Garden View Cafe and Plant Information Service; completed the
18 North Lake shoreline restoration and the 1.3-mile North Branch
19 multi-use trail addition; and planned and broke ground for the
20 Regenstein Foundation Learning Campus building and garden; and

21 WHEREAS, Under Sophia Shaw's leadership, the Chicago
22 Botanic Gardens experienced a 52% increase in attendance, six

1 straight years of recording-breaking financial performance,
2 and three straight years of recording-breaking fundraising
3 results; and

4 WHEREAS, Inspired by the experiences she had leading the
5 Chicago Botanic Gardens over the past 10 years, Sophia Shaw now
6 looks forward to defining new ways in which she can positively
7 impact the well-being of people and the environment during the
8 next stage of her career; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 thank Sophia Shaw for her service, congratulate her on her
12 retirement, and wish her well in her future endeavors; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Sophia Shaw as a symbol of our esteem and respect.