

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to announce the retirement of  
4 Mary L. Booker, who has completed 35 years of distinguished  
5 service for the children and families of the State of  
6 Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary L. Booker is the proud mother of two  
8 daughters, Michelle Booker, Roben Noel, and one soon to be  
9 son-in-law; and she is the proud grandmother of Warren Noel;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mary L. Booker received a Bachelor of Science  
12 Degree from Oak Wood College; then attended Graduate school  
13 at National-Louis University along with Chicago State  
14 University; she was awarded certification from several  
15 schools including John Marshall Law School, Alabama State  
16 Teachers College for elementary school education, and the  
17 University of Chicago for social service in the area of  
18 DCFS/University of Chicago Partnership in Field Teaching  
19 1999; and

20 WHEREAS, Mary L. Booker has been recognized and awarded  
21 for her many accomplishments through the years; she was  
22 awarded an Adoption Specialist Certification in 1988, a  
23 Certificate of Appreciation and Achievements-The Expedited  
24 Adoption-Juvenile Court in 1998, a Certificate of  
25 Merit-Outstanding Work Performance in 1999, Employee  
26 Involvement Active Participation in Organizational Operation  
27 in 1999, a Certificate of Excellence in 2001, a Certificate  
28 of Merit-Cook County Adoptions, and was awarded a National  
29 One Church, One Child Plaque; and

30 WHEREAS, Mary L. Booker is a Certified Licensed Counselor  
31 Instructor and works with children and families with the  
32 State Board of Education; in addition, she has been a

1 volunteer advocate for the 20th Ward Democratic Organization  
2 for a period of 30 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mary L. Booker worked in child welfare for 35  
4 years and has expertise in African-American adoption; in the  
5 past she worked in collaboration with WGN Television Channel  
6 9 and One Church, One Child; she is an advocate for the  
7 Darnella Bishop Ward Scholarship Statewide Commission; she  
8 has volunteered her time to provide after school and summer  
9 programs for the development of children in partnership with  
10 the King Parkway Development, Loretta Orme Center; she has  
11 been instrumental in developing a community center at King  
12 Parkway Gardens Developments which provides programs for  
13 residents; and

14 WHEREAS, Mary L. Booker is an authorized agent to the  
15 Guardian of the Department of Children and Family Services of  
16 the children who are DCFS wards; she is retiring from the MAP  
17 (Matching and Permanency) Unit of DCFS; over the years  
18 working as an Adoption Advanced Specialist she has made a  
19 difference in many lives throughout this State; therefore, be  
20 it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
23 we congratulate Mary L. Booker as she retires from the  
24 Department of Children and Family Services, and note that her  
25 devotion to helping others has left an indelible impression;  
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That we trust Mary will take it easy and  
28 thoroughly enjoy her richly deserved retirement years; and be  
29 it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
31 presented to Mary L. Booker with our respect and esteem.