

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Jim Durkin, our esteemed
3 colleague from the 44th District, is leaving the General
4 Assembly after 8 years of distinguished service; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Durkin has focused on protecting
6 and strengthening families and communities; he has worked
7 tirelessly to keep neighborhoods safe from dangerous
8 criminals; he spearheaded the effort to pass Crime Victim
9 Community Notification legislation, which establishes a
10 statewide network to immediately notify crime victims when
11 their attacker is released from custody; and

12 WHEREAS, He has shown his dedication to the safety of
13 this State's children through his efforts to provide children
14 with school environments that are free from violence and to
15 protect the children of this State from pornographers; he
16 introduced legislation to ensure that child pornographers
17 serve mandatory prison sentences for their crimes; and he
18 worked with the Attorney General's Office to pass the Safe 2
19 Learn Program, which works to prevent violence in our schools
20 before it occurs; and

21 WHEREAS, During his years of service, he has earned
22 several honors; in 1997, the Illinois Community College
23 Trustee Association named him Legislator of the Year; the
24 Operating Engineer Local 150 named him Statesman of the Year
25 in 1999; in 2001, he was awarded Citizen of the Year from
26 Sarah's Inn Domestic Violence Shelter in Oak Park; and in
27 2002, the Illinois Crime Commission named him Legislator of
28 the Year; and

29 WHEREAS, Representative Durkin has been supported
30 throughout his public and private life by his wife Celeste
31 and his four daughters, Adrienne, Madeline, Emma and
32 Caroline; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we commend Representative Durkin on his service in the
4 Illinois House of Representatives and we wish him success
5 and happiness in his future endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to him with our admiration and appreciation.