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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to honor the service of our colleague, 4 State Representative Natalie Phelps Finnie; and

WHEREAS, Representative Phelps Finnie was born to David and Leslie Phelps and raised in Eldorado along with her siblings, Brooke, Gretchen, and Luke; she attended Eldorado High School; she received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Southern Indiana Evansville, earned her masters degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University, and became a family nurse practitioner; and

WHEREAS, Representative Phelps Finnie has devoted her life to healing the sick and wounded; she is an active member of Star Church in Eldorado, where she leads efforts to help the youth of her faith community; along with her siblings, she sings the gospel across Southern Illinois as part of The Phelps Sisters; and

WHEREAS, Representative Phelps Finnie spent her time in office advocating for the neediest members of the Southern Illinois community, whom she cared for as the primary care provider at the Gallatin County Wellness Center while also serving in the Legislature; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Phelps Finnie has fought to end the

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- 2 cycle of generational poverty in Southern Illinois, advocating
- 3 for improvements to schools, access to job training
- 4 opportunities, and increased resources for those suffering
- 5 from addiction and mental illness; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Representative Phelps Finnie has served as an
- 7 unwavering voice for agriculture, coal, and the small business
- 8 owners of her region; she and her husband, Kyle, have raised
- 9 their three children, Lilly, Addy, and Clay, on their family
- 10 cattle ranch; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Representative Phelps Finnie's passion for
- 12 serving others and her dedication to ensuring the children of
- 13 Southern Illinois have a strong foundation for a bright future
- will leave a lasting impression on the people of the 118th
- 15 District; therefore, be it
- 16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 18 congratulate and honor State Representative Natalie Phelps
- 19 Finnie for her dedicated service as a member of the Illinois
- 20 House of Representatives, and we wish her the best in her
- 21 future endeavors; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 2 presented to Representative Phelps Finnie as an expression of
- 3 our esteem and respect.