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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Cindy McCuen on the  
4 occasion of her retirement on June 30, 2019, after over 43  
5 years of dedicated service as the Support Staff Administrator  
6 for the House Democratic Research/Appropriations Staff of the  
7 Illinois House of Representatives; and

8           WHEREAS, Cindy McCuen was born in Des Moines, Iowa to  
9 Charles "Chick" and Jane McCuen; Chick's work as a former  
10 television and radio newscaster in Iowa took his family and  
11 toddler, Cindy, to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he became the  
12 first news director at WCCO-TV; in the early 1960s, Chick was  
13 hired by WMAQ-NBC in Chicago as a reporter and news anchor,  
14 which led to the McCuen family moving to Winnetka, Illinois;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Cindy McCuen attended Skokie Junior High in  
17 Winnetka, Illinois and graduated from New Trier High School in  
18 1966; she continued her education at the University of Kansas,  
19 where she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts; before starting  
20 her career with the Illinois General Assembly, she worked in  
21 Lawrence, Kansas for the Head Start Program, where she designed  
22 and created children's reading books; and

1           WHEREAS, Cindy McCuen is the proud mother of Matthew Thomas  
2 McCuen, who was born in Springfield, Illinois in 1992; as a  
3 single mother, she worked hard to give her son the world while  
4 balancing her hours at the Illinois General Assembly; as a  
5 testimony, Matthew received his Bachelor of Science from  
6 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and now works in St.  
7 Louis, Missouri as a mechanical engineer; he plans to marry  
8 Taylor McDermott in October 2019; and

9           WHEREAS, Cindy McCuen shares a close bond with her two  
10 sisters, Mary Calgren of Edina, Minnesota and Joanie Wexler of  
11 Oak Brook, Illinois; she misses her mother Jane McCuen, fondly  
12 described as a fun and loving homemaker who worked tirelessly  
13 raising her three daughters; Cindy proudly boasts that they  
14 never had a fight; and

15           WHEREAS, Cindy McCuen also misses her father who was, in  
16 addition to being a scrappy news reporter, an avid scrabble  
17 player and clever story teller, who told tales encompassing  
18 countless news accounts and theories after covering the 1968  
19 Chicago riots, the Richard Speck murder trial, U.S. Senator  
20 Charles Percy's daughter's murder, and the statehouse in  
21 Springfield, Illinois; and

22           WHEREAS, During her tenure, Cindy McCuen has worked with  
23 over 100 staffers, providing guidance, patiently assisting,

1 and answering every question brought to her; and

2 WHEREAS, Cindy McCuen has coordinated thousands of fiscal  
3 notes, reviewed and formatted countless bill analyses and  
4 memos, and drafted numerous state budgets; and

5 WHEREAS, Cindy McCuen is led by her intuition, patience,  
6 and dedication; she has served as a mentor, a leader, and, most  
7 importantly, a friend; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout her long career with the legislature,  
9 Cindy McCuen has served under the guidance of Speaker William  
10 A. Redmond and Speaker Michael J. Madigan, Chiefs of Staff Gary  
11 LaPaille, Tim Mapes, and Jessica Basham, and  
12 Research/Appropriations Staff Directors Jim Andrews, Ralph  
13 Nickell, Bill Foster, Bob Carter, Bill Holland, Veronica Lynch,  
14 Tony Rossi, Terri Coombes, John Lowder, Jessica Basham, and  
15 Mark Jarmer; and

16 WHEREAS, Following her retirement from state government,  
17 Cindy McCuen is excited for her son's upcoming wedding; she  
18 plans on traveling and is eager to relax; and

19 WHEREAS, Cindy McCuen's legacy of hard work, honesty, and  
20 devotion to both the government and people of the State of  
21 Illinois will be fondly remembered by the members of this noble

1 body and staff; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we congratulate Cindy McCuen on the occasion of her retirement,  
5 thank her for her many years of committed service to the  
6 Illinois General Assembly and the people of the State of  
7 Illinois, and wish her many happy and healthy retirement years;  
8 and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Cindy McCuen as a symbol of our esteem and  
11 respect.