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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend Shirley Ann (Kramer) Hall for her 79 years as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary; and

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WHEREAS, Shirley Hall was born in Centralia to Paul and Helen Kramer on September 8, 1932; she is one of eight children; she is the widow of LTC Ronald J. Hall, a Korean War veteran; they have one son, Bruce Alan (Kathy) Hall, and two grandsons, Eric Lawrence Hall and Jason Lawrence Hall; and

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WHEREAS, Shirley Hall joined the George M. Nelms Post 446 of the American Legion Auxiliary in Centralia at the age of nine in September 1941; she was eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary through her father's service in the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, Shirley Hall served as president of the Salem Unit 128, 23rd District, 5th Division of the American Legion Auxiliary from 1957 to 1958 and 1964 to 1965, in addition to four terms while her late husband served as Post 128 Commander from 1994 to 1998, and currently serves as the Salem Auxiliary Historian; and

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WHEREAS, Shirley Hall served as president of the Junior

1 Auxiliary, where her mother was also a member; she also served
2 on the Illinois Veterans Commission as an itinerant secretary
3 in the 1960s; and

4 WHEREAS, Shirley Hall has been involved in a number of
5 organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
6 Auxiliary, the Eight & Forty, The Disabled American Veterans
7 (DAV) where she is a lifetime member, the Egyptian Past
8 Presidents Club, and the Centralia Post 2055 of the Veterans of
9 Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary as a past president; she also
10 supports the American Legion Child Welfare Fund; and

11 WHEREAS, Shirley Hall has joined the local American Legion
12 Auxiliary wherever she has lived over the years, including
13 serving as the Quincy Hospital Representative for the American
14 Legion Auxiliary; she has also participated in many Veterans
15 Day and Memorial Day programs; and

16 WHEREAS, Some of Shirley Hall's most memorable experiences
17 include making tray favors for veterans as a Junior Auxiliary
18 member, distributing poppies every year, and learning how to
19 conduct a meeting; one of her fondest memories was being
20 installed as Auxiliary Unit President when her son presented
21 her with a bouquet of red roses; and

22 WHEREAS, Shirley Hall continues her service to the American

1 Legion Auxiliary as a longtime member of the Luther B. Easley
2 Post 128 in Salem; she celebrates 79 years as an active
3 continuous American Legion Auxiliary member in 2020, making her
4 the longest serving Auxiliary member in Illinois history and
5 the second longest serving in the United States; therefore, be
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7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we commend Shirley Ann Hall on her drive, conviction, and
10 life-long commitment to support our military veterans as a
11 member of the American Legion Auxiliary for the past 79 years
12 and are proud of her efforts to make a difference in her
13 community; and be it further

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