



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Sandra Bury, an Oak
4 Lawn optometrist, on being recognized as the 2004 "Young
5 Optometrist of the Year" by the American Optometric
6 Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Since her graduation from the Illinois College of
8 Optometry in 1995, Dr. Bury has accepted leadership
9 responsibility in her professional organization, the Illinois
10 Optometric Association; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Bury's activities involve the Oak Lawn Rotary
12 Club, the Illinois Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity
13 (VOSH) Illinois Chapter, and many board memberships; she was
14 awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award for her
15 leadership and volunteer service in the Oak Lawn Rotary Club;
16 the Rotary Club is dedicated to providing services in the
17 community, state, nation, and the world to those in need; and

18 WHEREAS, In her service to humanity through VOSH, Dr. Bury
19 has been to six foreign countries as a volunteer optometrist,
20 paying her own expenses to examine the eyes of the poor; her
21 trips include leading a mission to Nicaragua, and co-leading
22 missions to Peru and Lithuania; the mission leader must make
23 all physical arrangements in the host country and recruit all
24 personnel, including other optometrists and support persons as
25 well as supervise the collection and packing of eight to ten
26 thousand pairs of used eye glasses; she has also been to
27 Mexico, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic; each VOSH mission
28 usually examines 1,500 to 2,000 persons; she and her associate
29 in practice, Dr. Floyd Woods, traveled to Lithuania and were
30 doing examinations on 9/11/01; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Bury currently participates in several

1 domestic missions throughout Chicagoland and established a
2 mission in her hometown to examine the eyes of the homeless
3 through the PADS program; and

4 WHEREAS, She is currently President of the South Suburban
5 Optometric Society of the Illinois Optometric Association;
6 during her presidency she has helped, with the assistance of
7 the West Suburban Optometric society, to charter a new
8 optometric society in the Joliet area; this is the first new
9 optometric society to be organized in Illinois in many years;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Bury is a member of the Professional Advisory
12 Council of the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually
13 impaired; and Prevent Blindness America recognized Dr. Bury
14 with a "Woman of Vision Award" in 2002; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bury has assembled a wonderful staff of highly
16 trained, capable technicians, receptionists, and opticians to
17 assist her in her private practice of optometry; without her
18 skilled staff, Dr. Bury would not be able to accomplish the
19 recognition she has earned; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Bury will be recognized for her achievements
21 at the annual meeting of the American Optometric Association in
22 Orlando, Florida on June 24th, 2004; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
25 congratulate Dr. Sandra Bury on being recognized as the 2004
26 "Young Optometrist of the Year" and recognize all her hard work
27 and dedication; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to Dr. Sandra Bury as an expression of our respect
30 and esteem.