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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, One of the most colorful people to grace the halls of the Illinois State Capitol will soon leave after almost forty-six years of service to the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, If you needed to find this bright spot, you needed to look no further than outside the door, where she could be seen enjoying the weather and a smoke; and

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WHEREAS, Sue Staley is one of a kind; one co-worker described her as a contradiction and an enigma; Sue loves to travel, but hates to fly; she loves boating and fishing, but hates the water; she loves Las Vegas and Tunica, but does not like gambling; and she says she is a terrible cook, but everything she makes is delicious; and

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WHEREAS, She began her time with the State in the Illinois Department of Conservation (now Natural Resources); she then worked for Public Health, returned to Conservation, and then worked full time for the Attorney General's Office; and

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WHEREAS, On June 6, 1972 she began working for the Illinois House of Representatives, working for Representatives Bob Terzich, Bill Laurino, Ralph Capparelli, and most recently Kurt Granberg; and

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1 WHEREAS, During her long career serving the Members of the
2 House, she has earned an outstanding reputation as one of the
3 House of Representative's most loyal, helpful, and friendly
4 employees; and

5 WHEREAS, Sue is known as a walking encyclopedia of useless
6 facts and trivia; she loves Jeopardy and other trivia based
7 games; she can name songs and their singers by hearing a few
8 notes; she loves to solve puzzles of all types; and she is a
9 big sweetie, always remembering to ask about people and their
10 families, concerned and compassionate for others and their
11 well-being; and

12 WHEREAS, She is passionate about bingo; she has traveled
13 out of Springfield to find a new game, whether it be X, postage
14 stamp, or cover-all, Sue loves to play and listen for her
15 favorite vitamin, B-12, to be called; and

16 WHEREAS, Sue has been blessed with a great family,
17 including her father, the late Louis "Newt" Staley, and her
18 mother, Wilma Staley; her sisters, Jane, Laura, and Rita; her
19 nieces, Jessica, Nancy, Molly, Julia, Maureen, and Bridget; her
20 nephew, Jack; and her wonderful husband, Jim Gardner; and

21 WHEREAS, Sue and Jim were married on February 14, 1999 at

1 Graceland Chapel in Las Vegas; Sue was escorted down the aisle
2 by an Elvis impersonator and had over twenty friends and family
3 members in attendance; and

4 WHEREAS, Sue was almost taken from us on that Valentine's
5 Day in 1999 when the feathers that trimmed her wedding dress
6 began burning from her cigarettes; she is truly an original and
7 will be greatly missed by her friends throughout the Capitol,
8 the Stratton and Howlett buildings, and the many businesses she
9 frequents in downtown Springfield; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate Sue Staley on her upcoming retirement; we wish her
13 the very best and only ask that she stop by and visit once in a
14 while; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Sue Staley as a symbol of our friendship, our
17 love, and our deep respect.