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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize State Representative  
4 Suzanne "Suzie" Bassi for her years of service and hard work on  
5 behalf of the people of the State of Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Representative Bassi was first elected in 1998 to  
7 serve the people of the 54th District, which includes portions  
8 of Arlington Heights, Barrington, Hoffman Estates, Inverness,  
9 Palatine, and Rolling Meadows; and

10           WHEREAS, Representative Bassi taught English and French  
11 for 10 years before retiring to raise a family and being  
12 elected to the District 15 Board of Education; and

13           WHEREAS, Representative Bassi has received numerous awards  
14 throughout her years of service, including Legislator of the  
15 Year from the Suburban Area Agency on Aging, being named the  
16 Champion of Free Enterprise by the Illinois Chamber of  
17 Commerce, and being named a Friend of Agriculture by the  
18 Illinois Farm Bureau; in addition, she was also awarded a  
19 fellowship to the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership  
20 Development; and

21           WHEREAS, During her freshman legislative year she had the

1 opportunity to serve as a member of the United States Trade  
2 Mission to the Republic of South Africa, where she participated  
3 in the opening of the new Illinois Trade Office in  
4 Johannesburg, South Africa; and

5 WHEREAS, There is no denying Representative Bassi, known  
6 for her poker face, is passionate about good public policy; she  
7 fought diligently against unfunded school mandates and  
8 frequently read the litany of classroom responsibilities of  
9 public school teachers such as teaching the "Three B's",  
10 broccoli, bladder control, and bullying, in addition to  
11 teaching the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Bassi fought for mass transit  
13 improvements; downsized government through CMAP; school  
14 violence prevention; crackdown on gun violence; increased  
15 penalties for sex offenders and drug users; increased funding  
16 for local schools; expanded pharmaceutical coverage through  
17 the Circuit Breaker/IL Rx programs; increased permit and  
18 inspection regulations for carnival and amusement rides; and  
19 provided GPS tracking for victims of domestic violence through  
20 the Cindy Bischof Law; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Bassi was one of nine Republicans  
22 to serve on the 21-member House Special Investigative Committee  
23 to Impeach former Governor Rod Blagojevich; and

1           WHEREAS, She served as the Republican spokesperson for  
2           Elementary & Secondary Education, Tourism & Conventions,  
3           Infrastructure, and Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary  
4           Education House committees; and she served as a member of the  
5           Mass Transit, Revenue and Finance, Minority Procurement, and  
6           State Government Administration committees; and

7           WHEREAS, Representative Bassi is an active member of the  
8           Conference of Women Legislators, a member of the Task Force on  
9           Alzheimer's, and the Task Force on Re-Enrolling High School  
10          Drop-outs; and

11          WHEREAS, Representative Bassi grew up in Omaha, Nebraska,  
12          and later lived in Des Moines, Iowa, where she graduated from  
13          St. Joseph's High School in 1962; she received her Bachelor of  
14          Arts degree from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in  
15          River Forest, in 1966; and completed her MAT at the University  
16          of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1973; and

17          WHEREAS, Representative Bassi and her husband, Roger, have  
18          three children, Carrie, Steve, and Greg; and two grandsons;  
19          therefore, be it

20          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21          NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 congratulate Representative Suzanne "Suzie" Bassi on her  
2 retirement from the Illinois House of Representatives and wish  
3 her the best in her future endeavors; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to State Representative Suzanne "Suzie" Bassi as a  
6 symbol of our respect and esteem.