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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to commend Glennita A. Williams and her work with America's Guardian Angels; and

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WHEREAS, After her friend's father was deployed to Al Kasik, Iraq in 2007, Glennita began working on America's Guardian Angels; and

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WHEREAS, While Major Michael Striverson was in Iraq, Glennita emailed him as to what he would like to have while stationed overseas and he replied he was craving Hostess Twinkies; and

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WHEREAS, Glennita realized that Major Striverson was probably not the only soldier craving something sweet so she decided to ask her 5th grade teacher and classmates at McKinley School in South Holland to help her send Major Striverson and his troops some Hostess products, and named the project "Operation Twinkie"; and

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WHEREAS, In 10 days Glennita and her classmates collected and shipped more than 1,000 products for the soldiers in Iraq; in the 6th grade, Glennita expanded her project from the classroom to the entire school and asked for care items for the

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1 veterans at Edward Hines VA Hospital; hundreds of items were  
2 collected and more than 160 care packets were made; and

3 WHEREAS, Glennita arranged for the school choir to  
4 accompany her in passing out the packets and singing songs to  
5 the veterans; the visit inspired Glennita to show her  
6 appreciation towards the men and women in the military and one  
7 month later she was responsible for the collection of more than  
8 3,000 Twinkies, along with Starbucks coffee, being shipped to  
9 Afghanistan and Iraq; and

10 WHEREAS, Glennita desired to do more for the soldiers, so  
11 she asked her community for assistance; now, with help from  
12 South Holland Mayor Don De Graff and his staff, 19 different  
13 care items, along with Twinkies, are being collected throughout  
14 the community; and

15 WHEREAS, What started out as a onetime project from the  
16 heart of a child has become a mission; Glennita A. Williams is  
17 now the Founder and President of America's Guardian Angels, a  
18 foundation that is committed to the men and women serving this  
19 country; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we commend Glennita Williams for her hard work and dedication

1 to giving back to the men and women of the military; and be it  
2 further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Glennita Williams as a symbol of our respect and  
5 esteem.