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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Mona B. Martin, the
4 former Director of the House Republican Research and
5 Appropriations staff and longtime Springfield business
6 management consultant, on recently being inducted into the
7 Samuel K. Gove Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame;
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9 WHEREAS, The Samuel K. Gove Illinois Legislative
10 Internship Hall of Fame honors former legislative interns whose
11 careers have exemplified distinguished public service; and

12 WHEREAS, Mona Martin began her career in government through
13 the Illinois Legislative Staff Internship Program in 1989,
14 analyzing agency budgets; and

15 WHEREAS, After continuing with the House Republican Staff
16 in 1990, Mona Martin became a substantive committee staff
17 member, working with the members of her Caucus on what was then
18 the House Revenue Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Mona Martin was promoted by former House Minority
20 Leader Lee A. Daniels, starting with the 1993 spring session,
21 to be Director of Research for the House Republican staff; in

1 this position, she performed, with enthusiasm and
2 intelligence, in the supervision of staff analyses covering all
3 of the substantive and budgetary challenges of the day; and

4 WHEREAS, Starting with the 1994 spring session, Mona Martin
5 expanded her portfolio and became the Director of Research and
6 Appropriations for her staff, thereby also supervising the
7 staff work and analysis of Illinois' annual and supplemental
8 budget bills; and

9 WHEREAS, In this capacity, in a typical year, Martin would
10 supervise more than 25 analysts, interns, and office staff; and

11 WHEREAS, During this time, Mona Martin served as a mentor
12 to dozens of legislative research staffers, not only training
13 them in excellence, but also challenging and inspiring them
14 with her own example; and

15 WHEREAS, After moving on to the executive branch of
16 government in 1999, Mona Martin worked with her longtime friend
17 and mentor Pam McDonough at what was then the Department of
18 Commerce and Community Affairs, serving as Managing Director of
19 Policy Development, Planning and Research, and working closely
20 with members of all 4 caucuses of the General Assembly to
21 coordinate a \$12,000,000,000 program of State public sector
22 investments in local infrastructure, the IllinoisFIRST

1 program; and

2 WHEREAS, Mona Martin moved her service to Illinois to a new
3 realm in 2003 by joining the private sector, owning and
4 operating her own firm as a business management consultant, and
5 guiding the State and its top officials and lawmakers through
6 challenges created by the new family of public policy issues
7 that characterized the 2000's, especially the growing field of
8 crises and opportunities created by changes in global health
9 care and pharmaceutical management; and

10 WHEREAS, Mona Martin is a true daughter of Illinois, having
11 spent her youth in the rural town of Buckley, in the heart of
12 the "Grande Prairie" agricultural district, the most
13 productive farmland on earth; and

14 WHEREAS, As a lettered "Rocket" at Buckley-Loda High
15 School, Mona Martin became the most decorated female track
16 athlete in the history of the school, medaling 3 consecutive
17 times in school years 1982-85 by throwing the shot put at the
18 State's track meet; and

19 WHEREAS, Mona Martin continued her studies at the United
20 States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado and
21 North Central College in Naperville; and

1 WHEREAS, Those around Mona Martin are keenly aware of the
2 support she has received throughout her career from her
3 husband, David Joens, Ph.D., the current Director of the
4 Illinois State Archives; together they are the proud parents of
5 a son, Benjamin Joens; and

6 WHEREAS, Mona Martin and her family are enthusiastic
7 travelers, bringing the heritage of Illinois to a variety of
8 locations across Europe; their friends never know where they
9 will be next; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Mona B. Martin on her induction into the Samuel
13 K. Gove Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame and thank
14 her for her years of public service; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Mona Martin and her family as a symbol of our
17 respect and esteem.