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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, After nearly 35 years of service to the City of
3 Bloomington, Emily Bell is retiring from her position as Human
4 Resources Director, having been instrumental in the
5 establishment and development of the City's Human Resources
6 Department; and

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WHEREAS, Emily Bell is an expert in her field and a
8 resource for many due to her wealth of institutional knowledge;
9 she has championed fairness and equality and has responded to
10 the ever-changing needs of the City and its workforce for the
11 good of all; and

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WHEREAS, Emily Bell began her career at the City in 1979 in
13 a secretarial position; she later obtained the education and
14 knowledge in Business Administration at Illinois State
15 University that was needed to obtain the level of Human
16 Resources Director; she has been responsible for Equal
17 Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action duties,
18 workforce recruitment, employment and deployment, training and
19 development, employee relations, labor relations, and the
20 development and implementation of city policies and
21 procedures; and

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WHEREAS, Emily Bell received and maintained her Certified

1 Professional designation from the International Personnel
2 Management Association; she served on the Bloomington-Normal
3 Human Resource Council; she is also a member of the National
4 Public Employer Labor Relations Association and the National
5 City Bank Community Advisory Board; and

6 WHEREAS, Emily Bell has served beyond her position in the
7 community in support of youth, women, and families as a board
8 or committee member for many agencies, including Habitat for
9 Humanity, Mid Central Community Action, the Baby Fold, United
10 Way of McLean County, YWCA McLean County, the Women's Center,
11 the Community Cancer Center, and the Mom and Me Camp Prison
12 Ministry; and

13 WHEREAS, Emily Bell has been recognized by her community
14 with the YWCA McLean County Harriett F. Rust Women of
15 Distinction Community Service Award and the Illinois Heart and
16 Lung Foundation Spirit of Success Award; and

17 WHEREAS, Emily Bell is well known as a woman of faith,
18 giving freely and openly of her time and talent to her church;
19 she and her husband Leonard, who is retired from State Farm
20 Insurance Companies, have a beautiful family with many children
21 and grandchildren to enjoy; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Emily Bell on the occasion of her retirement
3 and wish her continued success and happiness in the future; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Emily Bell as a symbol of our esteem and respect.