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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Representative JoAnn D. Osmond has faithfully
3 served the constituents of the 61st District since 2002,
4 following in the footsteps of her late husband Timothy; she
5 retired from public service this summer, bringing to conclusion
6 a career in public service that spanned more than 30 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Upon her graduation from Holy Child High School in
8 Waukegan, Representative Osmond enjoyed an 18-year career in
9 the field of law, including 6 years as a paralegal in
10 Washington, D.C.; she also served as Executive Director of the
11 Lake County Bar Association from 1977 until 1982; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Osmond is the past owner of Osmond
13 Insurance Services, Ltd. in Antioch, and has been a licensed
14 insurance broker in auto, life, and commercial insurance for
15 nearly 30 years; her vast experience in the field of insurance
16 led to her appointment as Republican Spokesperson on the
17 Insurance Committee in the Illinois House of Representatives
18 for 4 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Osmond's legislative experience
20 dates back more than 30 years when she became the legislative
21 aide to newly elected Representative Robert W. Churchill in
22 1983, a position she held until 1999, before serving in the

1 same capacity for Representative Sidney Mathias until 2001; her
2 service as Legislative Aide included Representative
3 Churchill's tenure as Illinois House Majority Leader from 1995
4 until 1997; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Osmond became a Illinois State
6 Representative in 2002; she focused on continuing her life's
7 work on behalf of Illinois families and taxpayers; she served
8 on various Committees, including Appropriations-Public Safety,
9 Veterans Affairs, Insurance, Tourism & Conventions, and Public
10 Safety: Police & Fire Committees, and she was the Republican
11 Spokesperson on the Human Services Committee for the 98th
12 General Assembly; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Osmond took a leading role in the
14 General Assembly as a champion of mandated placement of
15 defibrillation devices, called AED machines, in Illinois
16 public places; because of her, school vestibules, college
17 lecture halls, exercise gyms, and local halls of government
18 have AEDs ready to help save a life; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Osmond's community involvement has
20 included service on the Board of Directors of the Antioch
21 Mental Health Association from 1992 to 2001, serving as
22 President from 2000 to 2001; she was a Trustee and Treasurer of
23 the First Fire Protection District of Antioch from 1993 to

1 2004, a member of the Parish Council Finance Committee for St.
2 Peter Church from 1994 to 2002, a member of St. Peter's Parish
3 Council of Catholic Women, a member of the Lake County Criminal
4 Justice Coordinating Committee, a member of Wings - Women
5 Interested in Government - from 2003 to 2008, and a member of
6 the Illinois Stroke Task Force; in 2007, she became a member of
7 the State Bank of the Lakes Board of Directors; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Osmond has been honored by various
9 groups and organizations over the years, including the State
10 Farm Insurance Embrace Life Award in 2004; the Illinois Farm
11 Bureau Friend of Agriculture Award in 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009,
12 2010, and 2011; the American Heart Association's Life Saver
13 Award in 2004; the Friend of Gavin School Award in 2004; the
14 Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Award in 2006; the
15 Community Action Partnership of Lake County Legislator Award;
16 the Champion of Free Enterprise Award in 2009 and 2010; and the
17 Lillian Golonka Award; she was recognized by the National
18 Federation of Independent Business Guardian of Small Business
19 and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in 2007 and 2008; she was
20 also named the 2008 recipient of the Adam C. Skrzenta
21 Leadership Award from the Grant Township Republican Club; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Osmond was married to the late
23 State Representative Timothy H. Osmond, himself a longtime
24 leader in the civic and business community as well as State

1 government; she is the proud mother of 2 children, daughter,
2 Colleen (Ed) and son, Michael (Nicole), and the proud
3 grandmother of 5 grandchildren; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we recognize State Representative JoAnn D. Osmond and
7 congratulate her on a lifetime of dedicated service to the
8 people of the State of Illinois, and we wish her a very happy
9 retirement; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Representative Osmond as an expression of our
12 esteem and respect.