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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jill Rodriguez on the  
4 occasion of her retirement as Director of the Bensenville  
5 Public Library; and

6           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez began working at the Bensenville  
7 Public Library in 1977 as a Public Services Librarian; she  
8 transitioned to the position of Assistant Director in 1980,  
9 Acting Director in 1981, and Director later in 1981; and

10           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez oversaw the Library's move to its  
11 current location in 1978; she also supervised the Library's  
12 early adoption of an electronic catalog, a community-wide  
13 internet initiative, and free technology training; and

14           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez mentored countless employees, many  
15 who have gone on to successful directorships at libraries all  
16 over the United States; and

17           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez forged unique and valuable  
18 partnerships throughout her community, including the 1999  
19 Lifelong Learning Center addition, which was a partnership  
20 between the Library and Bensenville School District 2; and

1           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez has been an active participant in  
2 the Bensenville Rotary Club, the Bensenville Community  
3 Foundation, the Bensenville Youth Coalition, and the  
4 Bensenville Intergovernmental Group; and

5           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez has always been environmentally  
6 conscious and a leader of promoting green energy, as evident by  
7 her fostering of the Library's Garden of Knowledge, which is  
8 beautifully stocked with plants native to Illinois; she was  
9 also instrumental in the Library's overhaul to all LED  
10 lighting, and most recently, the Library's installation of  
11 free-to-use electric vehicle charging stations; and

12           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez and her colleague, Bill Erbes,  
13 directed the Libraries Remember event, a yearly community-wide  
14 remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001; and

15           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez worked tirelessly to find funding  
16 for the Library's new early childhood room addition in 2015,  
17 including the writing of a successfully funded \$125,000 grant  
18 through the Illinois State Library; and

19           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez is a native of New Jersey; she made  
20 Bensenville a second home for herself and her 3 children, who  
21 are all proud Fenton High School graduates; she quickly became  
22 one of the community's most recognizable residents; and

1           WHEREAS, Jill Rodriguez will be retiring from the  
2           Bensenville Public Library on October 1, 2015 after many years  
3           of service to not only the patrons of the library, but all the  
4           residents of the Village of Bensenville; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7           congratulate Jill Rodriguez on the occasion of her retirement  
8           and wish her continued success and happiness in the future; and  
9           be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          presented to Jill Rodriguez as a symbol of our esteem and  
12          respect.