

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Virginia "Dinny" Knuepfer has served as a member
3 of the Board of Trustees of the Conservation Foundation for
4 the past six years; and

5 WHEREAS, The Conservation Foundation was established in
6 1972 by business and community leaders; the mission of the
7 Foundation is "to enhance the quality of life by preserving
8 open space, protecting natural lands, and improving rivers
9 and watersheds"; the membership exceeds 1,600 members and 500
10 volunteers from DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will counties in
11 Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, During her six years as an active member of the
13 Board of Trustees Virginia Knuepfer has overseen the
14 preservation of more than 1,000 acres of open space in
15 DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will Counties; she has seen the
16 development of the DuPage River Watershed Plan, a plan to
17 clean up and restore the DuPage River; she has overseen the
18 passage of \$215 million in open space bonds for DuPage, Kane,
19 and Will Counties; she served on the DuPage Referendum
20 Committee in 1997; and she has seen the doubling of the
21 Foundation's membership, the doubling of staff, the doubling
22 of assets, and the Foundation's expansion from one to four
23 counties; and

24 WHEREAS, Virginia Knuepfer has also been an active member
25 of the Elmhurst Garden Club, including serving on the State
26 Board; she was an active member of the Ray Graham
27 Association; she organized Crowning Glory, a group of women
28 who design head coverings for women suffering with cancer;
29 she has served on the board of the Elmhurst Art Museum; and
30 she is a former board member of the Metro YWCA and Community
31 Nursing; and

32 WHEREAS, Virginia Knuepfer is the mother of five

1 children, the grandmother of fourteen grandchildren, and the
2 great-grandmother of one; she loves to garden and practice
3 conservation; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Virginia Knuepfer on her service to the
7 Conservation Foundation; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Virginia "Dinny" Knuepfer.