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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Leann Chilton on the
4 occasion of her retirement from BJC HealthCare; and

5 WHEREAS, Leann Chilton was born and raised in Chicago and,
6 in her heart, is still a true-blue Second City gal; and

7 WHEREAS, Leann Chilton has called St. Louis, Missouri her
8 home since 1985; she earned her Master of Business
9 Administration from Washington University in St. Louis and has
10 spent more than 40 years building her career and dedicating
11 her life to her community in the Missouri-Illinois bi-state
12 region; and

13 WHEREAS, Leann Chilton has shared her expertise and led
14 public policy initiatives at BJC HealthCare, one of the
15 largest employers in the Southern Illinois area, for 25 years;
16 she worked collaboratively with elected and appointed
17 government officials at local, state, and federal levels on
18 behalf of BJC HealthCare's fourteen hospitals and health
19 services; and

20 WHEREAS, Leann Chilton has worked on a range of healthcare
21 issues, such as providing better access to care for patients,

1 broadening insurance coverage for services and prescriptions,
2 developing more efficient licensing of providers, and funding
3 life-saving treatments for people from birth to advanced age;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Leann Chilton is dedicated to giving back to the
6 communities around her, which is evidenced not only by her
7 chosen career in healthcare policy and the impact she has on
8 people who will never know her but also in how she spends her
9 free time engaged with civic organizations as well; and

10 WHEREAS, Leann Chilton currently serves on the FOCUS St.
11 Louis Board, the Missouri State Chamber Board, the St. Louis
12 Metropolitan Hospital Council, the Public Policy Council for
13 Greater St. Louis, Inc., and the Policy Steering Committee for
14 the American Association of Medical Colleges; she was selected
15 to be a member of the Gephardt Institute for Civic and
16 Community Engagement National Advisory Board in 2024; she
17 previously chaired the Regional Chamber's Illinois and
18 Missouri Public Affairs Network Committees, the Boys and Girls
19 Club Table for Four, and the United Way Government Affairs
20 Committee; and

21 WHEREAS, Leann Chilton will be dearly missed by her BJC
22 HealthCare team, especially her ability to choose effective,
23 professional, and fun team members in Illinois, including

1 Susanne Hack, David Stricklin, and Kevin Riggs; and

2 WHEREAS, Leann Chilton and her beloved husband, Steve,
3 have two adult children, Christy and Jonathan, and one
4 grandbaby, who she will be showering with even more affection
5 in her copious retirement time; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Leann Chilton on her retirement from BJC
9 HealthCare, and we wish her the best in all her future
10 endeavours; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Leann Chilton as a symbol of our respect and
13 esteem.