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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor those individuals whose
4 commitment to public service has significantly benefited their
5 communities and the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Imperato, who has provided more than two
7 decades of exemplary service to Hanover Township and the
8 residents of Bartlett, will retire on August 29, 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Imperato began serving Hanover Township
10 as deputy clerk on August 28, 2003, and she was promoted to
11 chief deputy clerk in 2008; she has served as director of the
12 Department of Human Services since May 22, 2009; and

13 WHEREAS, Under Mary Jo Imperato's leadership, the
14 Department of Human Services has expanded its reach and
15 impact, especially in the areas of food insecurity, benefits
16 access, and support for veterans; as an accredited veterans
17 service officer, she has assisted many Hanover Township
18 veterans and their families in successfully filing disability
19 claims; and

20 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Imperato has served with distinction as a
21 member of the Illinois Township Association of General

1 Assistance Caseworkers, where she has demonstrated her
2 commitment to statewide collaboration and professional
3 excellence; she has also held a number of leadership
4 positions, serving as president from 2014 to 2022 and
5 treasurer from 2022 to 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Imperato's service has extended beyond
7 Hanover Township, including serving on the Regional
8 Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Council from 2015
9 to 2017 and through ongoing engagement with the Streamwood
10 Kiwanis Club since 2010; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Imperato has been recognized with
12 numerous accolades throughout her career, including the Heart
13 of Center Award from the Community Crisis Center in 2012, the
14 Service to Youth Award from the Village of Hanover Park in
15 2015, the Local Hero Award from Brookdale Hoffman Estates
16 Senior Services in 2015, the Hanover Township Excellence in
17 Service Award in 2017, and the Cook County Unsung Hero Award in
18 2019; and

19 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Imperato's efforts in securing critical
20 grant funding for the Hanover Township Food Pantry and her
21 unwavering focus on innovation and service delivery have left
22 a lasting legacy on Hanover Township and its residents; and

1 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Imperato, a resident of Bartlett since
2 1987, is a dedicated wife to her husband, Carl, and a loving
3 mother to her children, Alex and Johnny; her commitment to
4 both family and public service stands as a shining example of
5 civic duty and personal integrity; 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 Mary Jo Imperato on the occasion of her
9 retirement, thank her for her decades of dedicated service to
10 Hanover Township and the State of Illinois, and wish her
11 health, happiness, and fulfillment in all her future
12 endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Mary Jo Imperato as a symbol of our esteem and
15 respect.