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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend former Illinois State  
4 Representative Barbara Flynn Currie for her decades of  
5 service, her trailblazing leadership, and her lifelong  
6 commitment to building a more just and equitable Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, Rep. Currie, LAB'58, AB'68, AM'73, made history  
8 in 1997 as the first woman to serve as majority leader of the  
9 Illinois House of Representatives, a position she held with  
10 distinction for more than two decades; and

11           WHEREAS, Rep. Currie, during her 40 years in the Illinois  
12 House of Representatives, was a pioneering lawmaker, known for  
13 her independence, integrity, and progressive vision, and  
14 played a central role in passing landmark legislation, which  
15 included efforts to expand access to health care, protect  
16 reproductive rights, promote marriage equality, end the death  
17 penalty, and advance economic opportunity for working  
18 families; and

19           WHEREAS, Rep. Currie's leadership extended beyond the  
20 legislature as she helped to found the Illinois Women's  
21 Institute for Leadership (IWIL) Training Academy, an  
22 organization dedicated to training, mentoring, and empowering

1 pro-choice Democratic women to run for office and serve in  
2 public leadership; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Currie, as a Founding Mother and past  
4 president of IWIL Training Academy, inspired generations of  
5 women leaders in Illinois, providing them with the skills,  
6 knowledge, and confidence to seek elected office and serve  
7 their communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Currie will be honored with the Trailblazers  
9 Award by the IWIL Training Academy on October 16, 2025 in  
10 recognition of her extraordinary contributions to public  
11 service, her groundbreaking role as a legislative leader, and  
12 her enduring legacy of empowering women in politics;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we commend former Illinois State Representative Barbara Flynn  
17 Currie for her decades of service, her trailblazing  
18 leadership, and her lifelong commitment to building a more  
19 just and equitable Illinois, and we extend our congratulations  
20 to her on her well-deserved recognition with the IWIL Training  
21 Academy's 2025 Trailblazers Award; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Rep. Currie as a symbol of our respect and esteem.