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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Kerry Frank of Rockford on her
4 remarkable achievements in business and as a public speaker;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Kerry Frank is the former leader of Comply365,
7 one of the most transformative and innovative aviation
8 software companies in the United States of America; she
9 co-founded the business in the basement of her home in South
10 Beloit in 2007; in the process, she became the first female
11 chief executive officer (CEO) of a technology company in the
12 aviation industry and the first CEO to introduce the
13 commercial application on iPads for pilots in the global
14 aviation markets; she quickly developed Comply365 into a
15 fast-growing and international aviation software provider,
16 offering a complete suite of enterprise optimization solutions
17 and business intelligence tools to automate business, before
18 selling the company in 2018, and the business continues to
19 dominate the aviation industry today; and

20 WHEREAS, Kerry Frank has also contributed significantly to
21 entrepreneurship in her community and the State of Illinois;
22 together with her family, she established Hidden Creek Estates
23 in 2021, which serves as a restaurant, venue, and resort in

1 Roscoe, north of Rockford; her establishment has grown
2 rapidly, experiencing an estimated 400% increase in growth in
3 a span of three years and generating a revenue of about \$4
4 million in tourism in the Rockford area in 2025 alone; her
5 business has also been recognized by the Stateline Chamber of
6 Commerce as the 2024 Small Business of the Year and won the
7 Wine Spectator Award of Excellence in 2024 and 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, Kerry Frank has become a public speaker who
9 strives to spark courage, shift mindsets, and inspire
10 resiliency in those ready to create lasting legacy over
11 fleeting success; she continues to empower purpose-driven
12 leaders through honest storytelling, bold mentorship, and
13 hard-won wisdom, helping her clients build innovative
14 solutions to transform industries, communities, and lives
15 without compromising their standards and integrity; and

16 WHEREAS, Kerry Frank has been recognized as a business
17 leader by local, state, and national organizations, placing
18 second in a business pitch competition by Innovate Illinois in
19 2011, being featured in the competition launch video for
20 Innovate Illinois by Governor Pat Quinn that same year, being
21 named one of the 25 most interesting people by Northwest
22 Quarterly in 2016, and receiving the Ken Hendricks "Seize the
23 Day" award at the Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Conference in 2018;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Kerry Frank has overcome rejection and
2 discouragement through adaptability and bravery, impacting the
3 aviation software industry, navigating the highly complex
4 field of entrepreneurship, and contributing to the development
5 of new business leaders; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to her immeasurable contributions to
7 the State and country, Kerry Frank has successfully raised a
8 family with her husband, Dude Frank; and

9 WHEREAS, Kerry Frank serves as a symbol of excellence,
10 dedication, and passion, and she should be celebrated as a
11 significant figure in the State of Illinois and the United
12 States of America; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we commend Kerry Frank on her invaluable contributions in
16 business and as a public speaker, and we extend our best wishes
17 to her continued success; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Kerry Frank as an expression of our esteem and
20 respect.