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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Kathy Veroni on being awarded the 2025 Humanitarian Award from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association; and

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WHEREAS, Kathy Veroni was born in Rockford and attended Boylan Catholic High School in Rockford and Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Kathy Veroni coached the Western Illinois University softball team for 34 years from 1971 to 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Kathy Veroni coached the softball team to 869 wins, 11 conference championships, five Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national tournaments, and three NCAA national tournaments; and

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WHEREAS, Kathy Veroni has been inducted into four halls of fame, the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA), Illinois State University Athletics, Western Illinois University Athletics, and the Illinois chapter of USA Softball; and

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WHEREAS, Kathy Veroni published Coaching Fastpitch

1 Softball Successfully in 1998 and was a contributing author to
2 The Softball Coaching Bible in 2002; and

3 WHEREAS, Kathy Veroni also founded and coached the Macomb
4 Magic softball team, where she won many additional awards and
5 mentored countless college and high school students; and

6 WHEREAS, Kathy Veroni's leadership extended to multiple
7 positions in the NFCA, including president, vice president of
8 membership, and past president; and

9 WHEREAS, Kathy Veroni is also a master gardener for local
10 gardens such as The Grow Illinois Food Together (GIFT) garden
11 in Macomb, which has provided thousands of pounds of food
12 annually to the Macomb community; 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 congratulate Kathy Veroni on being awarded the 2025
16 Humanitarian Award from the National Fastpitch Coaches
17 Association; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Kathy Veroni as as a symbol of our respect and
20 esteem.