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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Nancy Voots on the occasion of her retirement as Will County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Voots is a longtime public servant and has dedicated her life to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Voots is a native of Joliet; she began working at the Will County Clerk's Office in 1975 when she was still a student at St. Francis Academy; she accepted a fulltime position mere days after graduating high school in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Voots has been serving as the Will County Clerk since 2002; she is only the third person to lead the office since 1962 and has been an integral part of the county's operations; during her 16 years as the county clerk, she built a reputation of excellence in overseeing elections, tax extensions, vital records, and public filings; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Voots has a strong work ethic and compassion for all the people of Will County; she visited every township, met with every precinct committeeman, and always kept her door open; and

1 WHEREAS, With her infectious smile and love for her job, no
2 challenge was too big for Nancy Voots; she never lost her
3 appreciation for interacting with county residents and the
4 opportunity to help others; and

5 WHEREAS, Nancy Voots holds the highest regard for
6 elections; her dedication to the voting process helped Will
7 County seamlessly administer federal, State, and local
8 elections for over 40 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Educating voters is important to Nancy Voots; she
10 took it upon herself to travel the county to meet with
11 residents and teach them about voting; she also turned part of
12 the clerk's office into a mini-museum to educate the public
13 about the history of voting and to display the evolution of
14 voting equipment; and

15 WHEREAS, Having raised two daughters with disabilities,
16 one of the biggest priorities for Nancy Voots as county clerk
17 was expanding opportunities for voters with disabilities; she
18 oversaw the new voting system created in 2004, which
19 implemented the optical scan election system with equipment for
20 the disabled, allowing them to vote independently for the first
21 time; and

22 WHEREAS, With 43 years of service to Will County, Nancy

1 Voots will be remembered for her dedication to public service
2 and for her commitment to her community; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Nancy Voots on her retirement as Will County
6 Clerk, thank her for making a positive difference in the lives
7 of Will County residents, and wish her the best in all her
8 future endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Nancy Voots and her family as an expression of our
11 appreciation and esteem for her exemplary career.