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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Johnnie Lane on the occasion of her retirement after 41 years of service to her community; and

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WHEREAS, Johnnie Lane and her husband, Aubrey Lane Jr., settled their family in the village of Phoenix in early 1960; and

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WHEREAS, Johnnie Lane began her service to Phoenix when she was appointed Acting Clerk from 1971 to 1973; she then began working for School District 151; and

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WHEREAS, In 1981, Johnnie Lane was elected Phoenix Village Clerk, where she has remained for 38 consecutive year until her decision to retire; her tenure has spanned over 30 trustees and four mayors; over her 41 years of service to the village, she has been a part of the new construction of numerous public buildings, including the William Hawkins Multi-Purpose Center, the fire station, the police station, the village hall, the public works building, the Barack Obama Learning Center, and the Kirklin Storage Shed; she has also witnessed the building and remodeling of the Gibson's Citgo gas station, the Pershing Broome Park and Pavilion, the strip mall, the St. Andrew Manor

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1 Senior Living Center, the expansion of Coolidge Middle School,
2 and multiple community parks and playgrounds, including her
3 favorite, the Johnnie M. Lane Park & Playground; and

4 WHEREAS, Johnnie Lane has served Phoenix in many other
5 areas, including with the Ladies Auxiliary, I-Watch, the Golden
6 Agers Club of Phoenix, Club 22, and the Phoenix Fest Committee
7 for its entire 25-year run; she has worked with the South
8 Suburban United Way, the Southwest Municipal Clerks
9 Association, Rainbow Push, the NAACP, and the original Black
10 Elected Officials; and

11 WHEREAS, Among the recognitions and awards that Johnnie
12 Lane has received is the 2019 Women of Honor Award for her
13 dedication and commitment to her community; and

14 WHEREAS, Johnnie Lane is a member of Daniel Chapel A.M.E.
15 Zion Church in Phoenix, where she has served as a Class Leader,
16 Stewardess, and Usher Board member; and

17 WHEREAS, Johnnie Lane is a wife, mother, grandmother of 10,
18 and great-grandmother of five; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Johnnie Lane on her retirement after 41 years

1 of service to her community, and we wish her the best in all
2 her future endeavors; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Johnnie Lane as a symbol of our respect and
5 esteem.