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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate their former colleague, State Representative Marguerite "Margo" McDermed, on her career in this body serving the people of the 37th District honorably and with pride; and

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WHEREAS, Representative McDermed is a lifelong Illinoisan, raised in LaGrange, earning her law degree from DePaul University, and settling with her family in Mokena; she worked tirelessly in Chicago for 30 years as a lawyer, and as the daughter of parents active in civic affairs, she has always been active in the community and civic minded, and the people of Will County have benefited from her leadership for years; and

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WHEREAS, Wanting to give back, Representative McDermed began her career in public service at the local level, serving as Township Collector before becoming a Trustee on the Frankfort Township Board; in 2009, she was elected as Frankfort Township Clerk, where she introduced early voting in the township for all registered voters and organized over 125 years of township records into a cohesive and accessible system at no expense to taxpayers before finally serving as a member of the Will County Board after her election in 2012; and

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1 WHEREAS, Representative McDermed was first elected to the
2 Statehouse in November 2014 but took office during the lame
3 duck session of the 98th General Assembly in January 2015;
4 during her tenure, she served as the minority spokesperson on
5 the Judiciary - Civil Committee, Transportation: Regulation,
6 Roads & Bridges Committee, and Economic Justice & Equity
7 Committee and as a member of the Illinois Sentencing Policy
8 Advisory Council; and

9 WHEREAS, As a dedicated public servant committed to
10 respecting the trust of the taxpayers, Representative McDermed
11 took no pension, took no state health benefits, consistently
12 voted to freeze or reduce property taxes, voted no on all
13 income tax increases, and never voted for an unbalanced budget;
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15 WHEREAS, During her time in the House, Representative
16 McDermed worked on commonsense, good government legislation,
17 producing ethics laws like forbidding the use of
18 confidentiality clauses in settlements or severance agreements
19 involving taxpayer money; she was a major driving force behind
20 the statewide Sexual Assault Tracking System and the first
21 major capital and infrastructure package in a decade; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative McDermed always voted her

1 conscience and her constituency and was consequently
2 recognized every year in office by the Illinois Chamber of
3 Commerce and the Illinois Farm Bureau for her unwavering
4 support of small businesses and farmers; and

5 WHEREAS, Thousands of 37th District residents benefited
6 from Representative McDermed's services and events, including
7 numerous self-defense classes, citizenship workshops, blood
8 drives, free shredding services, senior driving seminars, and
9 diaper drives; she was consistently engaged with her
10 constituents; and

11 WHEREAS, While we will miss Representative McDermed's
12 impassioned and steadfast presence in this chamber, after 30
13 years in private business and 15 years in public service, she
14 is ready to enjoy a well-earned retirement, traveling the
15 world, including visiting family living in Japan, quilting, and
16 spending time with her grandchildren; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we commend State Representative Marguerite "Margo" McDermed on
20 her lifelong career and service to the State of Illinois and
21 wish her nothing but the best in her retirement; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Representative McDermed as a symbol of our
3 appreciation and respect for our former colleague and cherished
4 friend.