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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Debra "Debbie" Verschelde  
4 on the occasion of her retirement as the executive director of  
5 Aging Care Connections; and

6           WHEREAS, Debbie Verschelde received her Bachelor of  
7 Science in Family Relations from Northern Illinois University;  
8 she earned her Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from  
9 Governor's State University and successfully completed the  
10 additional work to become a licensed social worker; she  
11 obtained her Certificate in Nonprofit Management from North  
12 Park University; and

13           WHEREAS, Debbie Verschelde has worked with older adults  
14 and their families her entire career, and she has worked with  
15 Aging Care Connections for 44 years; she began her career as  
16 the volunteer coordinator before moving into the agency's  
17 Social Service Department, where she worked in the community  
18 with older adults in their homes; she then served as the  
19 director of the Social Service Department for 14 years; and

20           WHEREAS, Debbie Verschelde was appointed the executive  
21 director of Aging Care Connections in April 1999; during her  
22 tenure, the agency has more than tripled its organizational

1 budget and expanded its geographic reach and program  
2 offerings; she has also been involved in several strategic  
3 initiatives in order to advance the mission of the  
4 organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Debbie Verschelde has additionally served as an  
6 ambassador with the United Way for over 20 years; she was the  
7 co-chair for the United Way Affiliate Agency Campaign on  
8 behalf of the United Way of Suburban Chicago for two years;  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we congratulate Debra "Debbie" Verschelde on her retirement  
13 and wish her all the best in her future endeavors; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Debbie Verschelde as an expression of our esteem  
17 and respect.