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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Matron Mary Ann Malata on the occasion of her 80th birthday on October 17, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Matron Malata was born in Phalombe, Mulanje District, Malawi, East Africa on October 17, 1942; she finished her primary education in 1959 and then taught in primary schools from 1960 to 1961; she attended secondary school at Cambridge, England from 1964 to 1966; she took part in a general nursing program in Ireland from 1967 to 1970; she then took a midwifery course in the United Kingdom from 1971 to 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Matron Malata returned to Malawi in 1973 and worked in several hospitals; she served as a district nursing officer at Mzimba District Hospital from 1982 to 1997, supervising hundreds of registered nurses and midwives, enrolled nurses and midwives, patient attendants, and hospital servants; she further continued her education, attending an intensive Family Planning Training in New York City, New York for three months in 1985; and

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WHEREAS, Matron Malata supervised nursing at Mzimba District Hospital and in the surrounding health centres,

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1 actively visiting these health centres and rural hospitals to  
2 teach, encourage, and provide supplies while working to  
3 improve the health care of persons in the district; her work  
4 included midwifery, obstetric care, safe motherhood, exclusive  
5 breastfeeding, child spacing, and family planning; she trained  
6 traditional birth attendants, promoted under-fives outreach  
7 clinics for childhood immunizations, opened and staffed new  
8 health centres, and supervised psychiatric nursing, nursing  
9 for tuberculosis patients, and nursing for post-surgical care;  
10 she also educated others about HIV/AIDS, which included her  
11 working at the new Tovwirane Centre; she additionally worked  
12 with public health staff and village health committees to  
13 improve hygiene and other public health interventions; during  
14 her tenure, she was a key leader in moving 131 patients in four  
15 hours without incident from the old Mzimba District Hospital  
16 to the new Mzimba District Hospital on September 8, 1992; and

17 WHEREAS, Matron Malata was recognized for her leadership  
18 and nursing skills in the Mzimba District; for her many years  
19 of service, she was elevated to the title of matron in 1995;  
20 she retired from civil service to the Government of Malawi in  
21 1997; and

22 WHEREAS, Matron Malata provided her skills to the  
23 non-governmental organization AFRICARE from 1999 to 2003,  
24 working towards the expansion of primary health care projects

1 in Mzimba District; wanting to continue contributing to the  
2 health of people in the district, she worked at Mzimba  
3 District Hospital on a month to month basis from 2004 to 2014;  
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5 WHEREAS, Matron Malata has been a dedicated member of St.  
6 Paul's Catholic Church in Mzimba for many years, participating  
7 in many church and spiritual activities; she is devoted to her  
8 family and her children; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we congratulate Matron Mary Ann Malata on celebrating her 80th  
12 birthday, and we recognize her for dedicating her life to  
13 serving others; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Matron Malata as an expression of our esteem and  
16 respect.