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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor the dedicated service of Representative Deborah "Deb" Conroy to the State and the residents of the 46th District, including Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Elmhurst, Glendale Heights, Oakbrook Terrace, Lombard, Glen Ellyn, and Villa Park; and

WHEREAS, Born in Elmhurst, Rep. Conroy has been a lifelong resident and advocate for DuPage County; there, she raised her family as a devoted mom to four sons, Sean, Ryan, Brendan, and Will; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the General Assembly, Rep. Conroy was a leader in her community, serving on the boards of Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 and the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Conroy has been a strong advocate for her hometown of Elmhurst, working to pass progressive mental health and health care initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her time in Springfield, Rep. Conroy has been a tireless advocate for mental health and wellness; she oversaw the passage of monumental legislation while

1 serving as chairperson of the Mental Health & Addiction  
2 Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Rep. Conroy's  
4 efforts led to the permanent establishment of the Call4Calm  
5 support text line; additionally, she led the fight to  
6 establish the statewide 9-8-8 mental health hotline and many  
7 other resources to help Illinoisans cope with mental health  
8 issues; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Conroy paved the way for living donors in  
10 Illinois by passing legislation to increase protections for  
11 those who choose to donate; in 2018, she led by example and  
12 saved her former husband's life through the selfless act of  
13 donating her kidney as his living donor; and

14 WHEREAS, Rep. Conroy prioritized increasing women's  
15 representation, serving as chair of Illinois House Democratic  
16 Women's Caucus; she also worked to pass fair pay legislation,  
17 the Reproductive Health Act, and other initiatives to protect  
18 choice in Illinois; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Conroy was appointed to the newly-created  
20 post of Women's Caucus Whip on Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch's  
21 leadership team in 2021, where she worked to bring attention  
22 to the priorities of the Women's Caucus; and

1           WHEREAS, Rep. Conroy made history as the first woman to be  
2           elected to serve as chair of the DuPage County Board in 2021;  
3           therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5           HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6           we congratulate Representative Deborah "Deb" Conroy on her  
7           retirement from the Illinois House of Representatives, offer  
8           her sincere gratitude for her 10 years of dedicated service to  
9           the people of Illinois, and wish her luck as chair of the  
10          DuPage County Board; and be it further

11          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12          presented to Rep. Conroy as an expression of our esteem and  
13          respect.