

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of  
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Dr. Jane Prescott  
4 Brown of Hazel Crest on the occasion of her retirement as  
5 Director of Alumni Affairs at Chicago State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Jane Connor Prescott was born in Chicago on  
7 January 24, 1933 to Eunice Lyons and James Connor Prescott;  
8 she grew up in the Rosenwald Building and moved to West  
9 Chesterfield at the age of 7; and

10 WHEREAS, She married Jerome Howard Brown, whom she had  
11 known since she was 7; they had 3 children, Christine,  
12 Stephen, and Lynn, and were married for 32 years until his  
13 death in 1983; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown holds a Bachelor of Education degree,  
15 a Masters in Early Childhood Development/Administration, and  
16 a Doctorate in Public Administration; she has also completed  
17 many courses in foreign studies, international affairs,  
18 decoration, and teaching certification; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown began her career with the Young Men's  
20 Jewish Council in 1956; she has worked as a preschool and  
21 higher education teacher; as Executive Director of South  
22 Shore Community Center; as Deputy Director and Director of  
23 Day Care and Head Start; as Director of Social Services and  
24 Director of Resource Development and Interagency Affairs for  
25 the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook  
26 County, Inc (CEDA); and as Director of Developing Community  
27 Programs and Director of Alumni Affairs for Chicago State  
28 University; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown was one of 47 people in the United  
30 States selected to serve on Secretary of State Shultz and  
31 Bakers' Minority Committee for the Middle East, Central and

1 South America, and South Africa, which dealt with apartheid,  
2 drug trafficking in the U.S, and women's rights; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown was the first female in the  
4 Chicagoland Region to become an owner/operator of a  
5 McDonald's franchise; she won the Gold Hat Award, which is  
6 presented by other McDonald's owners; she has served as a  
7 trustee for the Village of Hazel Crest and as a trustee for  
8 the Grande Prairie Public Library District, covering the  
9 Hazel Crest and Country Club Hills areas; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown is a member of the South Suburban  
11 Chicago Links, Inc.; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; the Eight  
12 Hearts Bridge Club; the Queen of Diamonds Bridge Club; the  
13 Chi-Burbs Bridge Club; the Posse; and history clubs; she  
14 serves on the Senior Nutrition Board for CEDA of Cook County,  
15 the Illinois Youth Advocates Program Board, the Chicago State  
16 University Annuitants and Child Care Advisory Board, the  
17 Governors State University Alumni Relations Board, the South  
18 Cook County Girl Scouts Board of Directors, the West  
19 Chesterfield Historical Association, the Grande Prairie  
20 Library, and the Village of Hazel Crest; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown enjoys traveling, playing bridge, art,  
22 music, history, reading, dancing, and mentoring; she is the  
23 grandmother of 3 girls and 2 boys; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
26 we congratulate Jane Prescott Brown on the occasion of her  
27 retirement; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to Jane Prescott Brown as an expression of our  
30 sincere respect and esteem and with best wishes for a  
31 peaceful and relaxing retirement.