

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives congratulate Ellen Morris as she retires from
4 her position as the executive director of the YWCA of
5 Danville; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Morris is retiring after spending 10 years
7 as the agency's director; she assumed the director's job
8 after serving for about two years as director of social
9 services at the facility; and

10 WHEREAS, When Ms. Morris first took over the reins at the
11 YWCA, one of the first changes she made was to abolish her
12 old job which was being responsible for the domestic violence
13 program and overseeing the sexual assault and homeless
14 programs; she felt the domestic violence program deserved its
15 own full-time director; as director, she had employees
16 reporting directly to her who oversaw the homeless, sexual
17 assault, domestic violence, and child care programs, as well
18 as the health club and thrift shop; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Morris has worked hard seeking grants to
20 keep the many programs the YWCA has to offer running and
21 improving like the child care programs, and the Violence
22 Against Women program to expand services to women; and

23 WHEREAS, After retirement, Ms. Morris plans to assist the
24 new director in a transition period; she plans to continue as
25 president of the Bismarck school board, as well as the
26 Vermilion Association of Special Education board; she would
27 also like to fulfill a longtime desire to tutor adults who
28 can not read or need assistance improving their reading;
29 therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
31 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Ellen Morris on her retirement from the YWCA
2 of Danville and thank her for her dedication and hard work;
3 we wish her good health and happiness in all of her future
4 endeavors; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Ellen Morris as an expression of our respect and
7 esteem.