



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jan Monken on her
4 retirement as director of the Centralia Chapter of the American
5 Red Cross on June 30, 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1975, Ms. Monken became involved with the
7 Centralia Red Cross and also took on the role of blood
8 procurement chairwoman, an entirely voluntary position; she
9 began as chapter director in December 1978; and

10 WHEREAS, Her duties as director include coordinating every
11 service the Red Cross provides, such as the Quality of Life
12 program, the Health and Safety program, Relay for Life, and
13 disaster assistance; and

14 WHEREAS, Her dedication to blood procurement is evident by
15 the numbers; when she began collecting, the average was 600
16 units of blood per year; now, the average units collected are
17 3,600; and

18 WHEREAS, Disasters such as the September 11, 2001 attacks
19 and the tornadoes that hit Centralia in 1998 and 2002 are
20 memories that Ms. Monken will carry with her forever; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Monken has already signed on for another term
22 on the St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital Board and is actively
23 involved in the Centralia Community Benevolent Association's
24 Food Pantry Board, so Centralia will continue to benefit from
25 this amazing woman's presence; and

26 WHEREAS, She is retiring to spend quality time with her
27 family and friends; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate Jan Monken on her retirement after many years of
3 hard work and dedication to the Centralia Chapter of the
4 American Red Cross; and we wish her well in all her future
5 endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Jan Monken as an expression of our respect.