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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Fern Gregg of Goreville was presented with a  
3 Governor's Unique Achievement Award on Wednesday, October 5,  
4 2005, in Springfield; she was nominated for the award by the  
5 Egyptian Area Agency on Aging; and

6           WHEREAS, Ms. Gregg started her new endeavor as a dedicated  
7 Red Cross volunteer in 1998 when she was 78 years old; she is  
8 now age 83, still working tirelessly for the Red Cross and  
9 assisting the people around her; before starting with the Red  
10 Cross, she worked for 18 years as an office manager for the  
11 Southern Baptist Student Center and dormitory on the SIUC  
12 College campus; and

13           WHEREAS, She is not a stranger to hard work and still has  
14 more energy than anyone can imagine; since becoming a Red Cross  
15 volunteer, she has served not only the communities in the 14  
16 counties of southern Illinois, but also in disaster situations  
17 around the country, including at Ground Zero after September  
18 11, 2001, and in Alabama, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Tennessee;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Senior adults who have suffered a disaster often  
21 will not seek the help they need because they feel the younger  
22 families are in more need of the assistance offered; Ms. Gregg  
23 serves as a mentor for these seniors and lovingly encourages  
24 them to seek help; she is well-respected by her peers and  
25 colleagues alike; and

26           WHEREAS, Her strong belief in community is shared at  
27 various health fairs and speaking engagements; she holds down  
28 the Red Cross office when the manager and other key leadership  
29 must be away and helps out with day-to-day operations; she also  
30 volunteers as head of the library in her church and is very  
31 committed to helping both in her church and community;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we congratulate Fern Gregg on being a recipient of the  
5 Governor's Unique Achievement Award, and we thank her for the  
6 many hours of devoted community service that she puts in on  
7 daily basis; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Ms. Gregg as an expression of our respect and  
10 esteem.