HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Carol Johnson on receiving the " 2014 Best School Blood Drive Coordinator Award" from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Carol Johnson began overseeing the organization of annual blood drives at Harlem High School in Machesney Park; and

WHEREAS, Because of Carol Johnson's success, the school began to hold semi-annual blood drives, with some of the drives being 2 days long; and

WHEREAS, Carol Johnson has been an advocate for "Be the Match", the world's largest bone marrow registry, which links patients to compatible donors, and encourages her students to participate in the registry; and

WHEREAS, Carol Johnson has embraced new technological advancements that make it possible for double red cells to be collected at mobile drives; because of her, many students have been double red cell donors; and

WHEREAS, Carol Johnson works to ensure each individual
donor is recognized by making seasonal decorations with each donor's name on it, which are displayed in the school; and

WHEREAS, Though Carol Johnson retired in 2008, she has continued to organize the school's blood drives and has been responsible for the collection of well over 2000 units of blood at Harlem High School; and

WHEREAS, The results of Carol Johnson's efforts will continue to be seen for years to come because of the critical role school blood drives play in cultivating lifetime donors; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend Carol Johnson for her selfless service to her community and her strong commitment to her students; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Carol Johnson as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

