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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Conference of Women Legislators 3 (COWL), the bi-partisan caucus of elected women legislators 4 in both the House and the Senate, is organized to advance 5 public policies that improve the quality of life of Illinois 6 women, children and families; and

7 WHEREAS, COWL'S goal is to work toward educational 8 opportunity and economic independence for Illinois women, 9 helping to ensure that they and their children will have 10 increased opportunity to be economic contributors to the 11 State's economy, more likely to have quality health insurance 12 and less likely to be a victim of violence, ignorance and 13 disease; and

14 WHEREAS, COWL sponsors a variety of policy initiatives, 15 educational and community support efforts to advance the 16 status of women, children and families in Illinois, requiring 17 the need for good research and capable staff; and

18 WHEREAS, In order to fund the important bipartisan work 19 of the COWL agenda, including the first Earned Income Tax 20 Credit for working poor families of Illinois, it became 21 necessary to raise funds in the private sector; and

22 WHEREAS, The members of COWL being, first and foremost, 23 politicians, determined that another rubber-chicken 24 fundraising dinner would be too difficult to digest and 25 believing that good humor and healthy camaraderie enhances 26 the art and science of lawmaking; and

27 WHEREAS, The members of COWL searched wide and hard for 28 an individual, any individual - even one of the male 29 persuasion - to assist in their challenge to raise funds 30 using good taste, humor and camaraderie, only to discover 31 that the perfect and only individual to help was none other 1 than the same individual who has accomplished the same goal 2 for lawyers, an eminently more difficult task than dealing 3 with state legislators; and

WHEREAS, COWL was blessed to discover that one and only 4 5 person in the name of Mr. Julian Frazin with the able assistance of his lovely wife, Rhona, both of whom spent 6 7 enough hours, days and weeks writing lyrics, singing tunes and choreographing an otherwise klutzy group of politicians 8 with questionable musical talent in the production of CAPITOL 9 CAPERS, enjoyed by the Governor George Ryan and his wife and 10 11 many other distinguished members of elective office - o.k., maybe not so distinguished; therefore, be it 12

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ОF 13 THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 14 15 we publicly acknowledge and sincerely extend our deepest 16 appreciation to Julian and Rhona Frazin for their 17 significant, invaluable and talented contributions to making the Capitol Capers Show a huge success and bringing good 18 humor and bipartisan camaraderie to the Illinois Capital City 19 20 of Springfield and for making a group of Republican and Democratic members of the State Senate and 21 House of 22 Representatives redeem themselves, at least for one night; and be it further 23

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Julian and Rhona Frazin as a lasting memento of our gratitude and good wishes.

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