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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Deborah Lane on the occasion of her retirement from the Chicago Transit Authority; and

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WHEREAS, Deborah Lane has been a member of her union for 33 years and has served in a number of positions, including as the first female president of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Illinois Joint Conference and as the financial secretary/treasurer and first organizer of the Amalgamated Transit Union-Local 308; and

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WHEREAS, Deborah Lane has deep ties to the labor movement in Illinois; in 1993, she first took a union steward class, and in 2017, she was mentored by the legendary Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis; and

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WHEREAS, Deborah Lane, as the head of the ATU Illinois Joint Conference, represented 15 union locals and almost 20,000 members from across the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Deborah Lane is a fighter for working people; she assisted in the process of winning important benefits for workers in the 2018 ATU-CTA contract, which included pay

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1 increases of 9.5% and a freeze on healthcare increases for her  
2 membership; and

3 WHEREAS, Deborah Lane has played an integral role in  
4 electing Democrats across the country, including President  
5 Joseph Biden, Governor JB Pritzker, Mayor Lori Lightfoot, and  
6 Senator Warnock; most recently, she served as campaign manager  
7 for Congressman Jonathan Jackson; and

8 WHEREAS, Deborah Lane's family is just as important to her  
9 as her work; she is the proud mother of three, Errin, Erwin,  
10 and Nicholas, and is the daughter of Mamie L. Cosey and the  
11 late Rev. Richard C. Cosey; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Deborah Lane on her retirement from the  
15 Chicago Transit Authority; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Deborah Lane as a symbol of our respect and  
18 esteem.