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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Julia McClendon on the occasion of her retirement as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of YWCA Elgin; and

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WHEREAS, Julia McClendon has served YWCA Elgin for the past 23 years, initially joining the organization excited at the prospect of working alongside a brilliant staff to design programs that empowered women and families; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to joining YWCA Elgin, Julia McClendon obtained her bachelor's degree in social work and her master's degree in sociology from Iowa State University; while earning her degrees, she worked as a teaching assistant and a research assistant through student housing, and she founded a group for working mothers like herself who were attempting to complete their degrees; and

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WHEREAS, During her tenure, Julia McClendon has led YWCA Elgin through a variety of changes and projects, including a building remodel of the location it has called home for the past 125 years, a roof replacement, the implementation of a clothing closet, the closure of Camp-Tu-Endi-Wei and the indoor pool, and many more; and

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1 WHEREAS, As CEO, Julia McClendon has remained committed to
2 providing YWCA Elgin staff with new opportunities, including
3 cross-training, the possibility of going from part-time to
4 full-time employment, and the chance to develop new skills;
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6 WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, Julia McClendon
7 has especially enjoyed seeing students and their families
8 succeed through her work with the YWCA Elgin youth programs;
9 during the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure students remained
10 focused on their education, she oversaw the donation of
11 materials and goods, the creation of desks for children, and
12 the procurement and delivery of noise-cancelling headphones
13 for students; and

14 WHEREAS, Julia McClendon has expressed excitement about
15 looking forward to YWCA Elgin's future under the leadership of
16 interim CEO Felicia King and COO India Smith; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Julia
19 McClendon on her retirement from YWCA Elgin, and we thank her
20 for her commitment to serving the women, children, and
21 families of the Elgin area; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Julia McClendon as an expression of our esteem
2 and respect.