

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in  
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, At the Annual Benefit Dinner held on March 30,  
6 2001, the Board of Directors of the Youth Job Center of  
7 Evanston will honor Founder and Executive Director, Ann W.  
8 Jennett, who will be retiring this year; and

9 WHEREAS, The mission of the Youth Job Center of Evanston  
10 is "to provide employment assistance and related counseling  
11 services, the goal of which is stable, progressive employment  
12 for Evanston youth, especially those who are at risk"; and

13 WHEREAS, Ann Jennett established the Youth Job Center in  
14 1983; the center has flourished into a multi-faceted agency  
15 that has acted on the needs of the community; and

16 WHEREAS, Through Ann Jennett's leadership, the Youth Job  
17 Center has provided job placement services along with  
18 pre-employment and post-employment counseling to over 10,000  
19 of Evanston's young people; programs that the center provides  
20 for its clients include the Summer Tutors Program for its  
21 younger clients and a series of ongoing four week  
22 job-readiness training courses, which precede job placement  
23 and full-time employment, that are specifically designed for  
24 adults, including welfare and public aid recipients; the  
25 center also runs an outpost at Evanston High School in order  
26 to broaden its outreach to youth in need of employment  
27 services; and

28 WHEREAS, Since its establishment in 1983, the Youth Job  
29 Center's staff has expanded from two employees to a group of  
30 five full-time and five part-time employees who are overseen  
31 by a diverse and dedicated board of directors; and

1           WHEREAS, After a successful and rewarding 25 years of  
2 youth employment work, of which 18 were dedicated to the  
3 Youth Job Center of Evanston, Ann Jennett will be resigning  
4 from her duties as Executive Director; it was with her  
5 passion and commitment that she established this center  
6 geared in helping build the futures for the youth of  
7 Evanston; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate Ann Jennett for her hard work and commitment  
11 to the Evanston youth by establishing services that will help  
12 build their futures in the workplace, and we wish her well in  
13 all of her endeavors as she resigns from an outstanding  
14 eighteen-year career as Executive Director of the Youth Job  
15 Center in Evanston; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Ann Jennett as an expression of our esteem.