

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, It has come to our attention that Flora Murphy
6 Shaffer is retiring from her position as Great Lakes Regional
7 Director of Information Technology for the United States
8 General Services Administration in Chicago; and

9 WHEREAS, Flora Murphy Shaffer was the first
10 African-American female in the Great Lakes Region to be
11 promoted to the highest Federal Pay Level, GS 15, a history
12 making event; and

13 WHEREAS, Flora Murphy Shaffer is a resident of the
14 southeast side of Chicago; she was born in Maxton, North
15 Carolina; she earned her bachelor's degree in Mathematics
16 from Wilberforce University in Ohio; and

17 WHEREAS, Flora Murphy Shaffer started her career with the
18 Department of Defense thirty years ago by taking the Federal
19 Services Entrance Exam; she later left her position to work
20 in the private sector in the field of Sales and Marketing for
21 four years; she worked for the Veteran's Administration prior
22 to joining the United States General Services Administration
23 in 1980; and

24 WHEREAS, Flora Murphy Shaffer is a life member of Alpha
25 Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated and the Wilberforce
26 University National Alumni Association; she is the National
27 Chairman of Annual Alumni Giving, an active member of Blacks
28 in Government and the Armed Forces Communications and
29 Electronics Association; she is also an active member of the
30 Museum Shores Yacht Club and an active member of Our Lady
31 Gate of Heaven Catholic Church for thirty years; and

1 WHEREAS, Flora Murphy Shaffer was recently selected as
2 the Aetna Insurance Historically Black Colleges and
3 Universities Calendar Alumni for 2001 representing
4 Wilberforce University; and

5 WHEREAS, Flora Murphy Shaffer was married to Otha L.
6 Shaffer for thirty-three and a half years; they have one son
7 and two granddaughters, all of whom are Wilberforce
8 University graduates; and

9 WHEREAS, Flora Murphy Shaffer plans to move to Las Vegas,
10 Nevada after retiring; she will spend her free time bowling,
11 playing darts, and power boating; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Flora Murphy Shaffer on her retirement as the
15 Great Lakes Regional Director of Information Technology for
16 the United States General Services Administration in Chicago,
17 and we wish her well in all of her future endeavors; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Flora Murphy Shaffer as an expression of our
21 esteem.