

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize Dona Joann Grove, former  
4 mayor of Bethany, Illinois, for her hard work and dedication  
5 to her community; and

6 WHEREAS, Dona Joann Grove and her husband, Jim Grove,  
7 have lived in Bethany since 1963; they raised 5 children,  
8 Barb, Cheryl, Kathy, Rick, and Chuck, in the community; and

9 WHEREAS, She worked for the library in Bethany from 1971  
10 until 1987, first as an assistant librarian and then as head  
11 librarian; while she worked at the library, she was  
12 instrumental in moving the library to a larger building,  
13 conducted computer workshops around the State of Illinois,  
14 wrote grants to secure funds to improve the library, was a  
15 member of the planning committee for the Illinois Library  
16 Association in 1986, and was the author of an article on  
17 library services for children that was used in a library  
18 science master's degree program at the University of North  
19 Carolina; and

20 WHEREAS, Dona Joann Grove assisted the Bethany school  
21 district in obtaining video equipment and ensured that  
22 Marrowbone Library was one of the first to use a shared  
23 database system that now includes 134 libraries in the State  
24 of Illinois; and

25 WHEREAS, In 1987, Dona Joann Grove began working for the  
26 Rolling Prairie Library Systems, where she was an information  
27 services clerk, assisted in training new librarians on the  
28 computer system, assisted in entering collections, and was  
29 President of the Rolling Prairie Staff Association; and

30 WHEREAS, In 1997, Dona Joann Grove was elected the first  
31 woman Mayor of Bethany; she helped to form a planning

1 commission to take on the ongoing task of researching ways to  
2 improve the village; she secured grants to replace the sewer  
3 systems and main roads in Bethany in 1999 and she has worked  
4 to establish a TIF district and secure money to replace the  
5 street lights on Main Street; her term as Mayor expired in  
6 May of 2001; and

7 WHEREAS, Dona Joann Grove's most recent accomplishment  
8 was receiving the Illinois Woman of Achievement Award from  
9 the State of Illinois; the award recognizes women who  
10 demonstrate excellence in their professional and volunteer  
11 work and who dedicate their time and effort to enhance their  
12 communities; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we wish to recognize Dona Joann Grove's hard work and  
16 dedication to her community and the village of Bethany,  
17 Illinois and wish her all the best in her future endeavors;  
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Dona Joann Grove with our sincere regards.