

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Jean Di Monte
6 was named Riverside's Woman of the Year 2001, sponsored by
7 the Riverside Township Chamber of Commerce and the Riverside
8 Township Lions Club; and

9 WHEREAS, Jean Mary Moran was born and raised in Ireland
10 and came to live in Chicago in August, 1958; she worked for
11 the Northern Trust Company and enrolled at DePaul University,
12 where she took classes in elementary education and later,
13 accounting; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Di Monte changed jobs and started working
15 for United Airlines in the accounting department; and

16 WHEREAS, Jean Mary Moran married Ernie Di Monte in
17 October, 1962; they are the proud parents of Cara, Ernie,
18 Camille, and Tom; and

19 WHEREAS, The Di Monte family joined Mater Christi parish
20 and sent their children to Komarek School in North Riverside,
21 where Jean became active in the Tabernacle Guild and the
22 Komarek PTA; and

23 WHEREAS, Ernie Di Monte began his own business, Ernest Di
24 Monte & Associates, in 1969 and Jean became involved in the
25 business; she later returned to school to finish her degree;
26 she earned her degree in Business Administration from the
27 University of Illinois at Chicago in 1980; and

28 WHEREAS, In 1980, the VIP Party in North Riverside
29 approached Mrs. Di Monte about running for the office of
30 Village Trustee; she ran in April 1981 and earned a four year

1 term as Village Trustee; during her tenure she helped make
2 crucial decisions regarding the North Riverside Mall, the new
3 recreation center and Village Hall, the destruction of the
4 Melody Mill Ballroom, North Riverside park, and the Public
5 Works facility; she spent countless hours working on the
6 Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, as well as bringing
7 the code and ordinances book up to date; and

8 WHEREAS, The Di Montes moved their business to Riverside,
9 Illinois in 1982 and quickly became involved in the business
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Di Monte was encouraged to become the
12 Treasurer of the Riverside Chamber of Commerce and serve on
13 the Board of Directors; and

14 WHEREAS, The Caucus committee approached Mrs. Di Monte to
15 run for Village Trustee in 1993 and she ran for office in
16 April of that year and gained another 4-year term; during
17 this term, she was appointed to the Roads Committee where she
18 worked on a variety of new street projects, including
19 Barrypoint Road, Riverside Road, Longcommon Road, and
20 Delaplaine Road, and the location of the new water tower; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1997, Mrs. Di Monte won a second term as
22 Village Trustee; this term was full of many controversial
23 decisions regarding the Public Works facility, plantings, the
24 new water tower, the remodeling of the Police facility,
25 reclaiming back railroad property and personnel replacement;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, After 8 years on the Village Board, Jean Di
28 Monte retired from local politics in 2001; she plans to spend
29 more time with her children and 10 grandchildren; in addition
30 she is planning on traveling, practicing her oil painting,
31 and studying foreign languages; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the years, Jean Di Monte has been involved
2 in several organizations, including as member of Frederick
3 Law Olmsted Society FLOS, serving on the Executive Board from
4 1986 through 1991, including 4 years as Treasurer; she was a
5 member of the RCC where she encouraged the Post Office to
6 remain in Riverside, in addition she encouraged the business
7 community to support the Riverside Arts Center as it became
8 established and sought recognition in Riverside; she served
9 as a member of the Economic Development Commission and acted
10 as a liaison between the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic
11 Development Commission; and she served as a member of the
12 Riverside Garden Club, where she previously chaired the Plant
13 Sale; and

14 WHEREAS, In March, 2001, Jean Di Monte was the recipient
15 of the Woman of Distinction Award presented by Lieutenant
16 Governor Corrine Wood; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Jean Di Monte on being Riverside's Woman of
20 the Year 2001 for her outstanding accomplishments and
21 contributions to her community; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to Jean Di Monte as an expression of our esteem.