

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, This year Mary Kathleen McGuire Dunn marks her
3 thirtieth year of professional involvement with the
4 legislative processes of Illinois State government; and

5 WHEREAS, Kathleen first came to this chamber as a
6 representative of the Illinois Catholic Hospital Association
7 in 1973; and

8 WHEREAS, Kathleen was the first woman to serve as a State
9 agency legislative liaison when she represented the Illinois
10 Department of Public Aid from 1974 until 1977; and

11 WHEREAS, Kathleen continued to grace the floor of this
12 House of Representatives and the Senate as a representative
13 of the Illinois Department of Labor until 1986, when she
14 began her distinguished career with the Illinois Hospital
15 Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Kathleen, in this role contributes to our
17 understanding of the complex challenges facing the Illinois
18 health care system; and

19 WHEREAS, Kathleen is a product of the Illinois system of
20 higher education, earning a bachelor's degree from Illinois
21 State University at Normal and a master's degree in
22 Communications from Sangamon State University, and completed
23 graduate work at the University of Illinois at Urbana and
24 Oriel College at Oxford, England; and

25 WHEREAS, Kathleen continues to contribute to the
26 institutions of our State as a member of the Illinois Issues
27 Advisory Board, University of Illinois at Springfield Alumni
28 Advisory Board, and is a member of the American Society of
29 Association Executives, the Illinois Society of Association
30 Executives and Illinois Women in Government; and

1 WHEREAS, Kathleen has over the last three decades served
2 as a positive role model for her colleagues in advocacy
3 through sensitive listening and communicating, understanding
4 the goals and contributing to their achievement and, most of
5 all, demonstrating respect for the legislative process and
6 for all who participate in the interest of Illinois citizens,
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Kathleen remains today the delight she was
9 thirty sessions ago when she approached legislators for the
10 first time on an issue of importance to the Catholic Hospital
11 Association, maintaining through all the years her good
12 humor, her calm and cordial nature and her sense of the value
13 of good friendships made along the way; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Kathleen Dunn on the occasion of her
17 thirtieth session as an advocate for positive policy to be
18 enacted in this legislative chamber, and further express our
19 best wishes for her continued professional achievements in
20 the future; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Mary Kathleen McGuire Dunn as an expression of
23 our esteem.