

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Representative
4 Gwenn Klingler on her service to the people of the 100th
5 District; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Klingler is a resident of
7 Springfield; she is married to Dr. Gerald Klingler and has
8 two grown, married children and one grandson; she graduated
9 from Ohio Wesleyan University and later received a master's
10 degree in biology from the University of Michigan; she went
11 on to receive a law degree with honors from George Washington
12 University; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Klingler served as an alderman on
14 the Springfield City Council from 1991 to 1995 where she was
15 chairman of the Public Safety Committee; she was twice
16 elected to the Springfield District 186 School Board where
17 she served from 1987 to 1991; she served as Board President
18 in 1988; and

19 WHEREAS, Since first being elected to the House of
20 Representatives in 1994, Representative Klingler has been
21 regarded as a child's advocate; in 1998, she received the
22 Daycare Action Award; she helped to pass the Foster Parents
23 Bill of Rights; she has served as the Spokesperson for the
24 Children and Youth Committee of the House of Representatives;
25 she was chief sponsor of the Sex Offender Registration bill
26 and Public Act 92-137 ("Heather's Law") as well as House
27 Resolution 63, which created the Illinois After School
28 Initiative; she donated legislative scholarships to DCFS for
29 foster children who are wards of the court; and

30 WHEREAS, Representative Klingler worked hard for State
31 employees; she co-sponsored the Early Retirement Plan for
32 State Employees, which enabled State employees to retire as

1 early as 50 years old, saving jobs and State money; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Klingler consistently worked to
3 bring State money to the 100th district; she sponsored the
4 Springfield Medical District bill, which established a
5 commission to create a master plan to redevelop the medical
6 district neighborhood and expand existing healthcare
7 facilities as well as attract new facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Klingler was instrumental in
9 securing funding for a new classroom at the University of
10 Illinois at Springfield; she was a major supporter of the
11 construction process of the new Lincoln Presidential Library;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Klingler has received community
14 honors in recognition of her work; she received the Charlotte
15 Danstron Award from Women-In-Management for the Women of
16 Achievement in Government Award in 1994, and in 1996 received
17 the Distinguished Leadership Award from Leadership
18 Springfield that is sponsored by the Greater Springfield
19 Chamber of Commerce; she received the 1999 Legislative
20 Leadership Award from the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug
21 Dependence Association; further, she received the 1999
22 Goodwill, SPARC, and National Association for the Mentally
23 Ill Award, the 2001 Anti-Hunger Advocate Award, and the 2002
24 Illinois Women in Government Award; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Klingler remains active in the
26 community and serves on a number of Springfield area
27 community committees; she is a member of the Human Values and
28 Ethics Committee at Memorial Hospital, the Chancellor's
29 Advisory Committee at the University of Illinois at
30 Springfield, and the Central Illinois Blood Bank Board; she
31 is a member of The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce,
32 Women-In-Management, Springfield Rotary International, and

1 the Sangamon County Medical Alliance; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Representative Gwenn Klingler on a job well
5 done; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Representative Klingler, along with our sincere
8 regards.