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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Marsha Zierk for receiving the 2010 Best High School Blood Drive Coordinator Award from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Marsha Zierk took over the organization of blood drives at Burlington Central High School, working with the school's National Honor Society students; and

WHEREAS, In the past 7 years under Marsha Zierk's leadership, the donations collected at Burlington Central High School blood drives have more than tripled; and

WHEREAS, Marsha Zierk has organized over 15 blood drives for Burlington Central High School and has collected over 1,607 pints of blood; and

WHEREAS, Marsha Zierk has created a lot of enthusiasm for the high school drives by promoting Heartland Blood Centers' Red Cord Society; students earn membership to the Red Cord Society by donating blood at least 6 times before graduation; and

1           WHEREAS, Nine Burlington Central High School seniors  
2 achieved the Red Honor Cord and proudly displayed their  
3 achievement during the 2010 commencement ceremonies; and

4           WHEREAS, As many as 50% of all eligible junior and senior  
5 students participate in Burlington Central High School blood  
6 drives; and

7           WHEREAS, In response to the increased need for blood in the  
8 summer months, Marsha Zierk began hosting a blood drive in July  
9 of 2009 at the high school and spent part of her summer break  
10 working to insure its success; and

11           WHEREAS, The results of Marsha Zierk's efforts will  
12 continue to be seen for years to come because of the critical  
13 role high school blood drives play in cultivating lifetime  
14 donors; and

15           WHEREAS, In 2010, the Heartland Blood Centers nominated  
16 Marsha Zierk as the "Most Dedicated Blood Drive Coordinator" in  
17 a State-wide competition hosted by the Illinois Coalition of  
18 Community Blood Centers; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 commend Marsha Zierk for her years of selfless service and

1 commitment to the community; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Marsha Zierk as a symbol of our respect and  
4 esteem.