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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dallas Burke who passed away on January 27, 2017, at the age of 90; and

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WHEREAS, Dallas Burke served seven terms as the Madison County Coroner from 1972 to 2000; she was the first female coroner in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Dallas Burke was at the forefront of modernizing death investigations; in the early 1990s, she opened the first county-operated morgue and autopsy facility in downstate Illinois; she moved the office from a volunteer-oriented operation to one that employed full-time death investigators; she was on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week; her cases ranged from the complex and complicated to the simple and routine, but each and every one was equally respected; and

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WHEREAS, Dallas Burke knocked on many doors, delivering news that no one wanted to hear and quietly endured the anger that comes with grief and offered solace to the bereaved; and

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WHEREAS, Dallas Burke never was thought of as an "ex-corner"; her influence remained with the office long after

1 she stepped down; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 mourn the passing of Dallas Burke, and extend our sincere  
5 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
6 her; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Dallas Burke as an expression of our  
9 deepest sympathy.