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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 Miki L. Pavelonis of Harrisburg, who passed away on May 1, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Miki Pavelonis was born in Harrisburg to Edward and Virginia James Gooch on September 22, 1942 and was raised by her grandfather, Alfred James, and her uncle, Windom Elo James; she attended Logan School, Malan Junior High School, and graduated from Harrisburg Township High School in 1960; she graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC) with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and Teaching; she received a full band scholarship with the SIUC Saluki's marching band as a featured twirler; she married her childhood sweetheart, Bob Pavelonis, while in college on December 22, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Miki Pavelonis taught baton twirling in nearby towns for many years; she began working in real estate and eventually formed her own real estate company, American Heritage Realty; she managed the Saline Valley Abstract office for a few years and then went on to work for three Illinois State Attorneys General, Neil Hartigan, Roland Burriss, and Jim Ryan; for the next four years she worked in the Regional Office of Education in Harrisburg; and

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1           WHEREAS, Miki Pavelonis left the field of education to  
2 become the Director of Regional Services for State Comptroller,  
3 Dan Hynes, and spent the next 12 years there until her  
4 retirement in 2010; she was active in both State and national  
5 Democratic politics and was the first woman to be elected to  
6 the Saline County Board of Commissioners; she was also a  
7 superdelegate to future President Bill Clinton in Los Angeles,  
8 California; she served as a Democratic State Central  
9 Committeewoman for 10 years and hosted many dinners and rallies  
10 for the Democratic Party throughout her political work; and

11           WHEREAS, Miki Pavelonis was an active member of First  
12 Church of God in Harrisburg where she served as a trustee and  
13 as chairwoman of the ladies' organization; she was also a  
14 member of the Christian Woman Connection; and

15           WHEREAS, Miki Pavelonis was preceded in death by her  
16 parents; her uncle, Elo; her grandfather, Alfred; her  
17 mother-in-law, Bonnie L. Pavelonis; and her father-in-law, A.  
18 Joe Pavelonis; and

19           WHEREAS, Miki Pavelonis is survived by her husband, Bob;  
20 her children, Robert "Bobby" (Katy) Joseph Pavelonis, and  
21 Michael (Janice) Britt Pavelonis; her granddaughters, Lauren,  
22 Bonnie, and Ella; her grandson, Bobby III; her step-grandson,

1 Reese Conkle; and her beloved Shelties, Redford and Trudy;  
2 therefore, be it

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

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Miki Pavelonis as an expression of  
10 our deepest sympathy.