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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Ann Ford
4 of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Springfield, on
5 September 23, 2018 at the age of 77; and

6 WHEREAS, Ann Ford was born and raised in Indianapolis; she
7 contracted polio at the age of 5, resulting in a permanent
8 physical disability; she graduated from Our Lady of Grace
9 Academy and then attended Illinois State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Ann Ford began her career working for the National
11 Paraplegia Foundation in Chicago in 1967; she moved to
12 Massachusetts in 1978 to serve as the Director of the New
13 England Spinal Cord Injury Center; and

14 WHEREAS, Ann Ford returned to Illinois and founded the
15 Center for Independent Living in Peoria in 1985; in 1991, she
16 founded the DuPage County Center for Independent Living in Glen
17 Ellyn; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1999, Ann Ford became the first Executive
19 Director of the Illinois Network of Centers for Independent
20 Living (INCIL) in Springfield and remained in that position
21 until she retired in 2017; and

1 WHEREAS, Ann Ford was the recipient of numerous honors and
2 awards for her work on behalf of persons with disabilities,
3 including the Justin Dart Distinguished Citizen Award from the
4 Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois and the
5 Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center Courage Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Ann Ford was a brilliant and articulate advocate
7 for persons with disabilities and Centers for Independent
8 Living; her passion and dedication were evident at the Illinois
9 Statehouse for many years; and

10 WHEREAS, Ann Ford is survived by her daughter, Erin Ford;
11 her grandson, Andy (Arianna) Masters; her great-grandson,
12 Jack; her sister, Judy (Jim) Lynch; and her sister, Shea Ford;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn the passing of Ann Ford and extend our sincere
17 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
18 her; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Ann Ford as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.