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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 Allison Cate Hartman of Chicago, who passed away on November 13, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Allison Hartman was born to James Lea and Frances Cohn Cate in 1931; she attended the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and graduated from the University of Chicago in 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Allison Hartman had an immense interest in automotive mechanics and sports car racing; she built a Formula Junior-class race car with her first husband, George Clowes; her immersion into the racing community was ironic, considering her aversion to driving and that she did not have a license for the last 60 years of her life; and

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WHEREAS, In 1964, Allison Hartman and her second husband, James Hartman, opened Hyde Park Auto Service, which she ran until 1996, one of the first women in Chicago to operate an automobile repair shop; she and James competed on the Sports Car Club of America circuit; and

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WHEREAS, In the 1970s and 1980s, Alison Hartman shifted to

1 motorcycle racing and participated in dirt-track competitions  
2 around the country with her partner John Millington, who  
3 survives her; and

4 WHEREAS, Allison Hartman was a strong advocate for  
5 self-defense, earning a Hakkoryu Jujutsu black belt in 1988;  
6 she co-founded a self-defense training program, Power for  
7 Women; she was an accomplished bench rest target rifle-shooter  
8 and won competitions well into her 80s; and

9 WHEREAS, After closing Hyde Park Auto Service, Allison  
10 Hartman earned a criminal justice degree from Chicago State  
11 University and two post-graduate degrees from John Marshall Law  
12 School; she was reportedly one of the oldest people in Illinois  
13 history to pass the bar in 2006 at age 75, after which she  
14 practiced elder and real estate law; she also rehabilitated and  
15 restored several South Side buildings with her son, James; and

16 WHEREAS, Allison Hartman was president of the board for  
17 Disabled Adult Residential Enterprises; she was a founding  
18 member of Chicago Hyde Park Village, an organization that helps  
19 its members to remain in their homes and engaged in the  
20 community as they grow older; she was president of the Older  
21 Women's League and a founder of the Coalition for Equitable  
22 Community Development; she was a long-term board member of the  
23 Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference; and

1           WHEREAS, Allison Hartman was preceded in death by her son,  
2 James Russel Clowes; and

3           WHEREAS, Allison Hartman is also survived by her son,  
4 Daniel Clowes; her daughter-in-law, Erika Clowes; her  
5 grandson, Charles Clowes; her brother, James L. Cate Jr.; and  
6 her students and "adopted" children, Julie Orlinsky-Morgan and  
7 Jesse Sensibar; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we mourn the passing of Allison Cate Hartman and extend our  
11 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
12 and loved her; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Allison Hartman as an expression of  
15 our deepest sympathy.