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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals
4 who have served our country and State and, in doing so, have
5 made a difference in their home communities and in the lives of
6 those they have encountered; and

7 WHEREAS, Carol Shields was born in Sigourney, Iowa to
8 Raymond and Kathlyn (Dwyer) Adrian on November 19, 1938; she
9 married Harland K. Shields in Fairfield, Iowa on June 11,
10 1960; and

11 WHEREAS, Carol Shields was a longtime Pekin community
12 leader; and

13 WHEREAS, Carol Shields began her working career as an
14 x-ray technician at Pekin Hospital after earning an associate
15 degree from St. Joseph Hospital in Ottumwa, Iowa; as one of
16 Pekin's biggest cheerleaders, she also served as executive
17 director of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce from 1996 to
18 2001; and

19 WHEREAS, Volunteerism was at the forefront of Carol
20 Shields's life; she served as chair of the Pekin Hospital
21 Board of Directors and of the Pekin Hospital Foundation Board

1 and was a catalyst for numerous projects at Pekin Hospital;
2 she was a founding member of the Pekin Transportation
3 Committee, which helped bring the Veterans Drive corridor to
4 fruition; she was a past president of the Pekin Area Chamber of
5 Commerce, a past chair of the Pekin 1st Committee, and a
6 longtime emcee for the Puttin' on Pekin Breakfasts; and

7 WHEREAS, Carol Shields served the City of Pekin on the
8 Human Rights Advisory Board and on the Economic Development
9 Advisory Committee; she was a longtime member of the Kiwanis
10 and SCORE and served as a Cincinnati Township Trustee; she was
11 a Fourth of July Fireworks organizer in Pekin and a past grand
12 marshal of the Pekin Marigold Festival; she served on the
13 boards of the United Way of Pekin, Advanced Medical Transport,
14 and Commerce Bank; she was vice president of the Highland
15 Woods Board and was a former volunteer with the Cub Scouts/Boy
16 Scouts, Build Pekin, Newcomers, the Cancer Fund, and the
17 Junior League; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1996, Carol Shields was chosen as Illinois
19 REALTORS President, making her the fourth woman to hold the
20 position in the association since its founding in 1916; and

21 WHEREAS, Carol Shields was also known for her involvement
22 with the Peoria Area Association of REALTORS and the National
23 Association of REALTORS; and

1 WHEREAS, Since joining Illinois REALTORS in 1976, Carol
2 Shields served on numerous committees, including 14 as chair;
3 those leadership positions included the Make America Better
4 Committee, the RPAC Fundraising Committee, the Inaugural
5 Banquet Committee, RPAC Trustees, the Jurisdiction Committee,
6 the Finance Committee, the Leadership Committee, the Local
7 Association Relationships Committee, the Nominating Committee,
8 the Executive Committee, the Credentials Working Group, and
9 the Advisory Council; and

10 WHEREAS, Carol Shields was a member of St. Joseph Catholic
11 Church in Pekin; and

12 WHEREAS, Carol Shields is survived by her sons, Doug and
13 Dave (Lori) Shields; her granddaughter, Katelyn (Austin)
14 McDougall; her step-grandchildren, Alex Golden, Ted Golden,
15 and Cassandra (Daniel) Freed-Pastor; her great-granddaughter,
16 Sarah Freed-Pastor; her brother, Jerry (Judy) Adrian; her
17 nieces, Carrie (Mark) Danner and Kristen (Dominic) Whiston;
18 and her nephew, Denver (Juleen) Adrian; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
21 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate IL Route 29 in
22 Pekin (8th Street) from Kennedy Drive to Edgewater Drive as

1 the "Carol Shields Memorial Highway"; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
3 is requested to erect, at suitable locations consistent with
4 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
5 giving notice of the name "Carol Shields Memorial Highway";
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Carol Shields and the Secretary of
9 Transportation.