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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Phyllis
4 Ann Jameson of Milford, who passed away on April 23, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Phyllis Jameson was born in Bryce to Annette and
6 Elmer Breymeyer on September 25, 1931; she graduated from
7 Milford Township High School in 1949; she married Dale W.
8 Jameson in Chicago in January 1952, and he preceded her in
9 death on November 16, 1977; she later married Raymond Gibson
10 in July 1984; and

11 WHEREAS, Phyllis Jameson was appointed as the first female
12 coroner of Iroquois County on an interim basis after the
13 sudden passing of her husband and then-Iroquois County
14 Coroner, Dale W. Jameson; she became one of the first female
15 officials elected to a countywide position when she was
16 elected as coroner in November 1978; she won her next four
17 elections for Iroquois County Coroner and served for 20 years;
18 after the resignation of the sheriff, she briefly served in
19 the additional role of sheriff in 1980, making her the first
20 female sheriff of Iroquois County; and

21 WHEREAS, Phyllis Jameson was elected as president of the
22 Illinois Coroner's Association in December 1985, where she

1 spearheaded the effort to make continuing education training
2 compulsory for all coroners in Illinois; she was appointed to
3 the Advisory Board on Necropsy Services by the Illinois Senate
4 in July 1988, serving until she retired as coroner; after her
5 retirement, she was elected to the Iroquois County Board,
6 where she served for 10 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Phyllis Jameson was a lifelong member of St.
8 John's Lutheran Church in Schwer; she served on numerous civic
9 boards and organizations; she loved spending time with her
10 family, especially her children and grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Phyllis Jameson enjoyed her career as a public
12 servant, while serving in one of the most challenging public
13 roles; she was highly respected and known for her expertise
14 and for being compassionate, refreshingly honest,
15 conscientious, helpful, and forever thorough; she leaves a
16 legacy as a pioneer for women in her field and as a dedicated
17 public servant who understood the importance of her role in
18 making families feel heard during difficult times; and

19 WHEREAS, Phyllis Jameson was preceded in death by her
20 parents; her sister, Nancy Sloan; her brother, Byron
21 Brey Meyer; and her stepsons, Dr. David Jameson and Larry
22 Jameson; and

1 WHEREAS, Phyllis Jameson is survived by her husband of
2 over 36 years, Raymond Gibson; her children, Doug (Gloria)
3 Jameson, Susan (John) Odenthal, Dan (Kathleen) Jameson, and
4 Sally (John) Allhands; her twelve grandchildren, Annie (Steve)
5 Cunningham, Brad (Sarah) Jameson, Christopher (Melody)
6 Jameson, Dr. Jill (Mike) Scracic, Amy (Alex) Pokorny, John
7 Odenthal, Megan (John) Delurey, Jenna (John) Holzhauser, Danny
8 Jameson, Tyler Allhands, Jessica Allhands, and Emily Allhands;
9 her 15 great-grandchildren; and her many nieces and nephews;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn the passing of Phyllis Ann Jameson and extend our
14 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
15 and loved her; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Phyllis Jameson as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.