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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 Suzanne  
4 "Susy" Woods of Springfield, who passed away on December 8,  
5 2023; and

6           WHEREAS, Susy Woods was born to Laverne and Maxine  
7 (McCastle) Kauling in Salem on June 11, 1948; she graduated  
8 from Ursuline Academy with the class of 1966; she received her  
9 bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of  
10 Illinois at Springfield and a doctorate from Walden  
11 University; she married David Dean Woods on September 4, 1976;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Susy Woods worked as a public policy and  
14 education liaison with the Illinois Assistive Technology  
15 Program in Springfield; she retired from the Illinois  
16 Department of Revenue, where she worked as a computer  
17 operator; she previously worked at the University of Illinois  
18 at Springfield as Director of Disability Services, where she  
19 was also an adjunct professor; and

20           WHEREAS, Susy Woods was a champion and passionate advocate  
21 for children and adults with disabilities in Illinois; she was  
22 a registered lobbyist who sought laws and policies that

1 benefited children and adults with disabilities; she served on  
2 the Illinois State Task Force on Employment and Economic  
3 Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and also served on  
4 the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of  
5 Children with Disabilities; she was on the boards of IMPACT  
6 Center for Independent Living in Alton and the Arc of  
7 Illinois; she was involved with many other groups, including  
8 NAMI-Illinois, United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois, and the  
9 Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities' Partners in  
10 Policymaking; and

11 WHEREAS, Susy Woods was a skilled and effective special  
12 education advocate who assisted children with disabilities and  
13 their parents and guardians from all over Illinois; she  
14 assisted thousands of families in IEP meetings;; and

15 WHEREAS, Susy Woods was completely dedicated to her family  
16 and many friends, and she was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals  
17 fan; and

18 WHEREAS, Susy Woods was preceded in death by her parents,  
19 Laverne and Maxine Kauling; her beloved grandmother, Belle  
20 McCastle; and her great-nephew, Elijah Kauling; and

21 WHEREAS, Susy Woods is survived by her husband, David  
22 Woods; her daughter, Rachael (Rob) Macropoulos; her son, Adam

1 (Leslie) Woods; her sister, Diane (Mark) Steinhauser; her  
2 sister, Tia (John) Schoen; several nieces and nephews; her  
3 grandchildren, Isabella (Alex) Schmidt, Sofia Macropoulos,  
4 Cecelia Macropoulos, and Hudson Macropoulos; and her  
5 great-granddaughter, Athena Burnom; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we mourn the passing of Susy Woods and extend our sincere  
9 condolences to her family, friends and all who knew and loved  
10 her; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Susy Woods as an expression of our  
13 deepest sympathy.