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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  
4 Clementina Veronica Mulholand Brown of Springfield, who passed  
5 away on November 3, 2023; and

6           WHEREAS, Veronica Mulholand Brown was born to Cornelius  
7 Mulholand and Clementina "Mull" Mulholand in Ripon, California  
8 on December 15, 1932; she frequently worked with her father at  
9 the Ripon cattle auction yard, enjoyed raising animals such as  
10 goats, ponies, and rabbits, and belonged to her family's  
11 popular, award-winning mounted horseback Palomino Horse Troop;  
12 she graduated from Ripon High School in 1950, where she helped  
13 lead the debate team to achieving first place in the 1949  
14 statewide invitational championship; she studied nursing  
15 science at San José State University and graduated with a  
16 degree in nursing from O'Connor Hospital School of Nursing in  
17 1953; and

18           WHEREAS, Veronica Mulholand Brown met Lowell Jerome Brown,  
19 M.D. while working at Mercy Hospital in San Jose, and they were  
20 married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ripon, California  
21 on July 21, 1962; her husband became a physician in the U.S.  
22 Navy, and together, they worked and lived in various Central  
23 and Southern California locations before settling in San Diego

1 and beginning a family by adopting Neil in 1965, with Brendan  
2 following in 1966, Caitlin in 1968, and Terence in 1970; and

3 WHEREAS, Veronica Mulholand Brown and her family  
4 transferred to Subic Bay, the Philippines, for a two-year tour  
5 of duty in 1974; over the course of their stay, she and her  
6 husband visited India, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore,  
7 Penang, Thailand, and Hong Kong, often bringing one or two of  
8 their young children with them; and

9 WHEREAS, Veronica Mulholand Brown settled in Springfield,  
10 Illinois in 1979; she and her husband built a trio of general  
11 practitioner medical practices, and she served as head RN of  
12 those offices in Springfield, Riverton, and Illiopolis; she  
13 concluded her medical career as chief of nurses at the  
14 Springfield Presbyterian Home before retiring at age 75; and

15 WHEREAS, Veronica Mulholand Brown continued traveling with  
16 her husband in retirement; they visited Ireland, England,  
17 Scotland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Austria,  
18 Germany, France, and Morocco, and she loved regaling listeners  
19 with her adventures; she enjoyed spending time with her  
20 beloved cats, Big Cat, Rajah, and Autumn Sunflower, and  
21 tending to her 1-acre yard; she was an avid reader of books and  
22 adored devouring her weekly issue of The New Yorker; and

1           WHEREAS, Veronica Mulholand Brown was an advocate for  
2 women's rights, special education, LGBTQ equality, and support  
3 for shelter animals; she will be remembered as a fiercely  
4 intelligent, curious, and graceful woman who lived a full and  
5 dignified life; and

6           WHEREAS, Veronica Mulholand Brown was preceded in death by  
7 her parents; her husband of 56 years; and her older sisters,  
8 Patricia Lewis, Noreen Smith, and Eileen Marcella Lowery; and

9           WHEREAS, Veronica Mulholand Brown is survived by her  
10 children, Neil Mulholand Brown, Brendan Jerome Brown, Caitlin  
11 Veronica (Brown) Horton, and Terence Daley Brown; her  
12 daughter-in-law, Julie Refine Brown; her sisters, Sharon Groen  
13 and Kathleen Funke; her grandchildren, Jourdan K. Horton,  
14 Veronica R. Horton, Andrew J. Cline, Anna K. Brown, Neil R.  
15 Brown, and Clare V. Brown; her great-grandson, Archie; and  
16 several beloved nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we mourn the passing of Clementina Veronica Mulholand Brown  
20 and extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and  
21 all who knew and loved her; and be it further

22           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Veronica Mulholand Brown as an  
2 expression of our deepest sympathy.