

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives has learned that an
3 Illinois resident has been named the recipient of one of
4 journalism's most prestigious awards, the Pulitzer Prize; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pulitzer Prize was awarded for a series of
6 editorials on reforming the death penalty that appeared in
7 the Chicago Tribune; and

8 WHEREAS, There has been no more intense and serious
9 debate in Illinois in recent years than that over the reform
10 of the capital punishment system; and

11 WHEREAS, Much of the focus as well as the impetus for
12 this debate has come from the continuing series of editorials
13 written by the Chicago Tribune's Cornelia Grumman; and

14 WHEREAS, It is worth noting that the Illinois General
15 Assembly, using the input of those editorials and a myriad of
16 other sources, has taken steps in recent days to enact
17 serious reforms of the capital punishment system; and

18 WHEREAS, The Pulitzer committee cited Cornelia Grumman
19 for her "powerful, freshly challenging editorials against the
20 death penalty"; and

21 WHEREAS, While now ensconced in the lofty tower occupied
22 by all writers of editorials, Cornelia Grumman honed her
23 skills with stints at State government reporting for the
24 Tribune, the Daily Southtown, and the Raleigh News and
25 Observer; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we salute Cornelia Grumman on the occasion of her being named
29 the recipient of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial
30 Writing; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we express the thanks of the people of the
2 State of Illinois for her contribution to the debate over the
3 death penalty; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Cornelia Grumman and to the Chicago Tribune.