

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives have
3 learned with great sorrow of the death of Harriet K. Cahnmann
4 at the age of 87; and

5 WHEREAS, The former Harriet Kraut grew up on the south
6 side of Chicago, where her father, Joseph, and later her
7 brother, Charles, operated Kraut Tailors under the "El"
8 tracks on east 63rd Street; and

9 WHEREAS, Harriet spent two and a half years of her
10 childhood in the Chicago Home For Jewish Orphans at 62nd &
11 Drexel, where she provided constant support and foundation
12 for her siblings, Charles and the late Natalie Roussman; and

13 WHEREAS, Harriet spotted her future husband, German
14 Jewish immigrant, Fred Cahnmann, while taking the train to
15 her job at Lester Wittee & Co. CPA firm in downtown Chicago,
16 later meeting him on a synagogue sponsored bicycle trip; and

17 WHEREAS, Harriet and the late Fred Cahnmann were married
18 58 years, bearing 6 children, 24 grandchildren and 8
19 great-grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, After raising her children, Harriet worked at
21 the University of Chicago in the comptroller's office and the
22 athletic department for 14 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Harriet served as a Democratic election judge in
24 the 8th, 19th, and 50th wards of the city of Chicago; and

25 WHEREAS, In her middle age Harriet was often seen tooling
26 around Chicago's south side on a pink 50 cc Yamaha motorcycle
27 that her daughter, JoAnn, had won in a pancake eating
28 contest; and

29 WHEREAS, Harriet enjoyed helping people and was an
30 inspiration to everyone she touched; and

1 WHEREAS, Even though her advancing age slowed her down,
2 Harriet always played the cards she was dealt the best she
3 could and did what she wanted, even if it took her a little
4 longer; and

5 WHEREAS, Harriet Cahnmann's passing will be deeply felt
6 by many, especially her sons, Raymond, Leonard, David, and
7 Sam Cahnman; her daughters, Helen Rovner and JoAnn Hershten;
8 and her brother, Charles Kraut; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we join the friends and family of Harriet K. Cahnmann in
12 mourning the loss of this great woman; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Harriet K. Cahnmann as an
15 expression of our deepest sympathy.