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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois wish to recognize Hallie Amey for being an  
4 outstanding community leader of the Wentworth Gardens  
5 community; and

6           WHEREAS, Hallie Bronkens moved to Chicago when she was in  
7 her early twenties; shortly after her arrival, she met and  
8 married Frank Amey; they moved to Wentworth Gardens in the  
9 spring of 1951 with their three daughters, Frankie, Ethel, and  
10 Vicki; their fourth daughter, Zelma, was born on the eve of Mr.  
11 Amey's untimely death in 1958; Mrs. Amey was devastated by the  
12 death of her husband and overwhelmed by the task of raising  
13 four daughters on her own; and

14           WHEREAS, Mrs. Amey's first involvement in the community  
15 began with the formation of Blue Bird, Brownie, and Girl Scout  
16 troops for young girls in the community; she then began working  
17 with the PTA of Robert S. Abbott Elementary School; and

18           WHEREAS, When her youngest daughter, Zelma, reached  
19 pre-school age, Mrs. Amey and some of her neighbors organized a  
20 pre-school in the community center because there was no Head  
21 Start Program available; the first group of children from that  
22 pre-school were so well-prepared for Kindergarten that they  
23 were put in an accelerated class; despite her work in the  
24 community, Mrs. Amey always found time to take her family to  
25 church, choir rehearsal, and BTU at the Progressive Baptist  
26 Church; and

27           WHEREAS, Mrs. Amey was offered the position of Community  
28 Liaison Representative at the Robert S. Abbott Elementary  
29 School as a result of her volunteer work; she later was hired  
30 by the Chicago Housing Authority as a Community Representative;  
31 around 1962, a Resident Council was formed in Wentworth Gardens

1 which functioned until 1971, when it was reorganized and became  
2 the Local Advisory Council; Mrs. Amey decided at this time that  
3 she could be more effective as a volunteer and has worked in  
4 that capacity since her resignation from the Chicago Housing  
5 Authority; and

6 WHEREAS, The Local Advisory Council opened a laundromat in  
7 1968 and a grocery store in 1972 because there was a need in  
8 the community; Mrs. Amey has always been active in the  
9 community and has contributed countless hours for the  
10 betterment of Wentworth Gardens; and

11 WHEREAS, In recognition of her many contributions to the  
12 community, Mrs. Amey is being honored with a street naming  
13 ceremony at Pershing Road and Wentworth; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 recognize Hallie Amey for being an outstanding community leader  
17 of the Wentworth Gardens community; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Hallie Amey as an expression of our respect and  
20 esteem.