



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to honor Jane O'Connor Kerr for
4 her many contributions to the Ravinia Festival and the arts in
5 Illinois and to honor the Life Trustees of the Ravinia
6 Festival; and

7 WHEREAS, The Ravinia Festival is North America's oldest
8 music festival and celebrates its centennial during the summer
9 of 2004; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerr has held many positions of distinction
11 within the Ravinia Festival; she was the first woman member of
12 the Ravinia Festival Board, was the president and a founding
13 member of the Ravinia Festival Women's Board, and she has
14 served as curator of three art expositions at the Ravinia
15 Festival; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerr has contributed to the arts in Illinois
17 in many other ways; she was appointed to the Illinois Arts
18 Council by Governor Ogilvie in 1969 and was one of the longest
19 serving members until 1994, a period of 25 years; she is a
20 member of the Board of the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art
21 and the Education Committee of the Art Institute of Chicago;
22 she chaired a committee of the Lyric Opera, was the founding
23 president of the Chicago City Ballet, President of Ruth Pate's
24 Ballet, a member of the City of Chicago Arts Council, a member
25 of the Board of the Museum of Science and Industry, chairman of
26 Young People for the Arts, chairman and first president of the
27 Catholic Interracial Council, chairman of the Library of
28 International Relations, and was a friend of the artists
29 Copeland Berg, Ray Telasco, and Georges Roualt; and

30 WHEREAS, At a special dinner on August 3, 2004, the
31 youngest members of the Ravinia family, The Associates, will

1 salute the senior members, the Life Trustees and former
2 chairmen of the Women's Board; and

3 WHEREAS, Life Trustee designation is given to those members
4 who have served Ravinia for many years as a trustee or
5 chairman; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 honor Jane O'Connor Kerr for her many contributions to the
9 Ravinia Festival and the arts in Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we honor the Life Trustees of the Ravinia
11 Festival; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Jane O'Connor Kerr and to the Life Trustees of the
14 Ravinia Festival.