



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lily Tolpo, a Chicago native, has spent her life
3 dedicated to creating extraordinary works of art; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Tolpo lives in a home-studio complex outside
5 of Stockton and completed her professional art training from
6 1935 to 1939 as a scholarship student at the Chicago Academy of
7 Fine Art; she made her professional debut in 1941 at a
8 one-artist show sponsored by the Illinois Society of Fine Art
9 at the Chicago Drake Hotel; and

10 WHEREAS, She has been referenced in Who's Who in American
11 Art, Who's Who of American Women, Artists of Reknown, and the
12 Dictionary of International Biography; she has published works
13 including "The Turning Point", a biographical painting
14 celebrating the centennial of the Blackhawk Wars of 1832, and
15 "Freeport Doctrine", a biographical painting that was part of
16 the Lincoln and Douglas in Debate Statue project; and

17 WHEREAS, Some her most noted works include "Law and
18 Justice", a chandelier of corten steel located at the Waukegan
19 courthouse; "I Am", a bas relief of cold cast bronze, the first
20 of series of six for St. Paul Episcopal Church in Savanna;
21 "Minuteman", a bronze figurine for the Minutemen of America in
22 Peoria; "Lincoln & Douglas in Debate", a life sized bronze
23 sculpture of figures in action located on the debate site in
24 Freeport; and "Whoofle, the Magic Dragon", found in Ross Garden
25 at Krape Park in Freeport; her most recent work is a sculpture
26 of Julia Dent Grant, wife of Ulysses S. Grant, to be located at
27 the Grant home in Galena; and

28 WHEREAS, She married Carl Tolpo in 1941, and together they
29 sculpted a statue on the east side of the Capitol grounds in
30 Springfield; the 11-foot bronze statue is of Everett McKinley
31 Dirksen and features an elephant, donkey, and oil can flanking

1 him; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we recognize Lily Tolpo for her artistic talent and dedication
5 to art work and the community; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Ms. Tolpo as an expression of our esteem.