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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Lannie
4 LeGear of Chicago, who passed away on March 7, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Lannie LeGear earned her doctorate in educational
6 psychology and special education from the University of
7 Southern California and completed the family therapy training
8 program at Northwestern University's Family Institute; and

9 WHEREAS, Lannie LeGear was originally from St. Louis,
10 Missouri; she taught at Purdue University for three years
11 before coming to Chicago in the 1970s; after arriving in
12 Chicago, she taught at St. Xavier and Roosevelt Universities;
13 she served as clinical director at The Cove School for children
14 with learning disabilities in the early 1980s; and

15 WHEREAS, After her stint at The Cove School, Lannie LeGear
16 went into private practice; from her home office, she worked
17 with kids suffering from attention-deficit disorder, learning
18 disabilities, and developmental disorders; she was a stalwart
19 advocate for the children she assessed and backed parents who
20 often were rebuffed in their efforts to get help; and

21 WHEREAS, Lannie LeGear was the board chair of the Community

1 Counseling Centers of Chicago since 1998; and

2 WHEREAS, Lannie LeGear and her partner, Dorothy O'Byrne,
3 sponsored a refugee Laotian family of eight in 1979 and took in
4 the family's two youngest members, a girl and a boy who were
5 then 10 and 14 years old; Dr. LeGear and O'Byrne came to
6 consider themselves members of the family; and

7 WHEREAS, Lannie LeGear is survived by her partner; her
8 stepmother, Jean LeGear Flocks; and her brothers, Dan and
9 Scott; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of Lannie
13 LeGear; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Lannie LeGear as an expression of
16 our sympathy.