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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 Patricia  
4 Makris, Executive Director of the Children's Center of  
5 Cicero/Berwyn; and

6           WHEREAS, She was the Executive Director of The Children's  
7 Center of Cicero/Berwyn since 1978; she dedicated her efforts,  
8 as an advocate, for the children and parents of Cicero and  
9 Berwyn; under her direction, the Children's Center grew from a  
10 single site in the Grant Works neighborhood of Cicero to nine  
11 separate sites serving over 1,500 families in Cicero and  
12 Berwyn; and

13           WHEREAS, Beginning with a lone after-school day care  
14 program, the agency currently offers Early Head Start, Head  
15 Start, Preschool daycare, Infant-toddler daycare, Teen Parent  
16 Training, At-risk Pre-kindergarten, Parent Education, Training  
17 for At-home day care providers, and Parent & Child Programs;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, Patricia Makris was recognized nationwide for her  
20 expertise in infant, child, teen, and parent advocacy, and for  
21 her professional contributions in the field of early childhood  
22 development, day care, and not-for-profit, community agency

1 management; over the years, she appeared as the keynote speaker  
2 at countless educational conferences; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Makris' selfless efforts earned her unequalled  
4 recognition and numerous community service awards; she served  
5 the Cicero Rotary Club in many capacities, most recently, as  
6 Vocational Service Director; she was also a member of the  
7 Cicero Youth Task Force among other agencies and organizations;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Patricia Makris was the worthy recipient of awards  
10 from organizations such as the Women's Business Development  
11 Center, the Cicero Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Cicero  
12 Youth Task Force, the Towns of Cicero and Berwyn, and many  
13 more; she also received the Jack Kubik Humanitarian Award from  
14 Seguin RCA, and Outstanding Executive Director Award from  
15 George Williams College; and

16 WHEREAS, Patricia Makris attended the University of  
17 Illinois and Western Michigan University, earning a B.S Degree  
18 in Education; she was awarded an MBA from Roosevelt University;  
19 she began her teaching career in the inner-city and at Plato  
20 Greek School in Chicago; in addition, she taught for Cicero  
21 School District #99 at Roosevelt School; and she took her  
22 educational talents to Greece for several years, where she  
23 taught English; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 mourn, along with the many lives she touched, the passing of  
4 Patricia Makris; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Patricia Makris as a symbol of our  
7 sincere sympathy.