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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives would like to congratulate Glenda Fulton for
4 being honored by Mothers Informing Mothers International at
5 their event, the Perfectly PINK Rose Garden Party, with the
6 theme of "Strong is the New Beautiful" on May 19, 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, Glenda Fulton will be honored for her work with
8 the National Sarcoidosis Friends; and

9 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is a disease involving inflammation
10 that produces tiny lumps of cells in various organs in the
11 body; the lumps are called granulomas, which are very small and
12 can be seen only with a microscope; the tiny granulomas can
13 grow and clump together, making many large and small lumps,
14 potentially affecting organ function; and

15 WHEREAS, Glenda Fulton was diagnosed with sarcoidosis in
16 1975; since her diagnosis, she has helped focus national
17 attention on this disease through her public and pro-active
18 stance toward educating others and through her public advocacy;
19 she has been on the cutting edge of research and efforts to
20 promote education and awareness about sarcoidosis; she has
21 spoken on numerous occasions and presented information on many
22 topics relevant to services and educational awareness about the

1 disease; she has been a speaker, presenter, and panelist at
2 numerous sarcoidosis conferences throughout the State and has
3 been involved in efforts to develop sarcoidosis support groups;
4 she has written grants to secure financial support for
5 sarcoidosis research and awareness issues and assisted with
6 other fundraising activities, including setting up the JSRC's
7 first Walk-A-Thon in Houston, Texas, grant initiatives, and
8 live radio shows; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1995, she founded the National Sarcoidosis
10 Society, Inc., an organization that has been very successful in
11 bringing educational awareness, services, advocacy, support,
12 and research initiatives to health care providers, the public
13 at large, elected officials, and to its many networking
14 partners, such as the African American Family Research
15 Institute and the Minority Women Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Glenda Fulton was born on September 24, 1950; she
17 received her education through the Chicago public schools; she
18 attended Drake Grammar School and Oakenwald Upper Grade School,
19 then went on to Forrestville High School and Northern Illinois
20 University; she has acquired expertise and experience in the
21 areas of Certified Nursing Technician, Medical Technician,
22 Mentor, Health Caretaker for HIV and cocaine addicted babies,
23 Rehabilitation Nursing, and Hospice; she was the Head Volunteer
24 for the Chicago Board of Education and the P.T.A. Advisory

1 Committee for Grammar, Elementary, and High Schools, as well as
2 the John Hope Community Academy and Martin Luther King High
3 School; she was a volunteer for the Northside Chicago Boys and
4 Girls Club of America; she is a surrogate parent for the
5 Department of Children and Family Services and the Board of
6 Education; she has served on several boards and committees on
7 the national, regional, State, and local levels; she is the
8 Chairperson for the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois (now known
9 as the Gift of Hope); she has been a volunteer for the
10 AmeriCorp Vista Illinois Institute of Technology, The National
11 Institute of Health, the National Heart Lung and Blood
12 Institute, and the Public Interest Organization; she is a
13 member of the Chicago Center of Excellence in Health Promotion
14 Economics; she developed a task force with the Chicago
15 Department of Public Health and Commissioner Terry Mason; she
16 has acquired many accolades, trophies, certificates, plaques,
17 citations, awards, and personal letters of commendation from
18 First Proclamation on Sarcoidosis in Detroit, Michigan, the
19 National Sarcoidosis Society Bernie Mac and Nike Shoe Giveaway
20 in 2002, the 4Women.gov Women Day Conference 2006, and the
21 Martin Luther King Youth Program in January 2007; and

22 WHEREAS, Glenda Fulton is married to Charles E. Skillom;
23 she is the mother of 3 daughters, Sheree Fulton-Jackson,
24 Gernard Fulton, and Shetany's Fulton; she is the grandmother of
25 Darrius Fulton, Nada Johnson, Chanel Jackson, Sydney Jackson;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we honor Glenda Fulton for her fight against sarcoidosis, for
5 receiving accolades from Mothers Informing Mothers
6 International and wish her continued health and happiness in
7 the future; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Glenda Fulton as a symbol of our esteem and
10 respect.