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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 Ruth
4 Geyer Lerner, who passed away on October 16, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner was born on December 8, 1923, in
6 Vejprty, in what is now the Czech Republic; as a child, she and
7 her family were forced into hiding after the rise of the Nazis
8 in Europe during World War II; after the war, she immigrated to
9 the United States, attended medical school, and met her future
10 husband, Herbert Lerner; and

11 WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner and her husband worked as
12 pediatricians at their clinic in Hyde Park for over 50 years,
13 where they gained a sterling reputation as skilled and generous
14 doctors who would provide free services for poorer patients;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner was an active participant in the civil
17 rights and peace movements during the 1960s and 1970s and
18 marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in Cicero, Selma, Alabama,
19 and Washington, D.C.; and

20 WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner was an accomplished artist and
21 musician, playing guitar and singing at peace rallies; her

1 guitar playing inspired her son to become a professional
2 musician; and

3 WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner enjoyed nature, the arts, crafting
4 homemade furniture and ornaments, and participating in
5 numerous sports, including shot put, tennis, swimming, and
6 racquetball; and

7 WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner is survived by her loving husband,
8 Herbert; her sons, Claude and Peter; her daughter, Heidi; her
9 grandchildren, Camille, Luke, Jasmine, and Matthew; her
10 sister, Inge; and her many other family members and friends;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of
15 Ruth Geyer Lerner; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Ruth Lerner as an expression of our
18 sympathy.