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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 our
4 friend and former colleague, former State Representative
5 Rosemary Mulligan, who passed away on December 30, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was born in Chicago on July 8, 1941
7 to Stephen and Rose Granzky; she attended Illinois State
8 University and graduated from Harper College with an
9 associate's degree in legal technology; and

10 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan first ran for State Representative
11 in the 1990 primary election; initial results showed she had
12 won, but a recount resulted in a tie and a subsequent lottery
13 by coin-flip to determine the winner, which she also won; the
14 court case and recount of ballots that followed would result in
15 a reversal and even be cited in the ballot recount that
16 followed the 2000 presidential election between then-Governor
17 George W. Bush and then-Vice President Al Gore; and

18 WHEREAS, Though Rep. Mulligan lost her bid for office, she
19 did not let this defeat deter her desire to serve the public;
20 she persevered, and 2 years later won the Republican nomination
21 for State Representative; she went on to win the general
22 election in 1992 and took office in January of 1993; she served

1 the communities of Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, and Park
2 Ridge for 20 years; and

3 WHEREAS, As the Republican Spokesperson for the Human
4 Services Appropriations Committee, Rep. Mulligan was a staunch
5 advocate for the families of Illinois and her district, and for
6 health care and the developmentally disabled; she fought
7 tirelessly to improve human services for the less fortunate
8 while keeping a keen eye on State spending; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was a trailblazer for women's rights
10 and issues; she passed bipartisan laws to protect victims of
11 rape, to require emergency rooms to provide information to
12 sexual assault victims about emergency contraception, to help
13 low-income families get the health insurance and healthcare
14 they need, and to help the families of American soldiers
15 serving abroad receive assistance with State services; and

16 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was recognized by Today's Chicago
17 Woman magazine for her efforts and was named to its "One Of The
18 Top 100 Women Making A Difference" list in July 1997; and

19 WHEREAS, While Rep. Mulligan was known for her wit and
20 sense of humor, she was also known for her fearlessness and how
21 seriously she took the great responsibilities of her job as a
22 legislator; while she was known for her no-nonsense

1 personality, fiery speeches, and debates on the House floor,
2 she was also known for her willingness to reach across the
3 aisle, her expertise on the State budget, and her passion to
4 help the most vulnerable citizens in Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan remained active in her local
6 community throughout her time in office and after; she served
7 as an Advisory Board Member for Avenues to Independence and for
8 Have Dreams, working to improve services for the
9 developmentally disabled; after leaving State office, she was
10 appointed to the Des Plaines Library Board, where she fought to
11 improve resources for the children of Des Plaines; and

12 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan's public service was recognized
13 when she received the Illinois Community College Trustees
14 Association's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1993; she was also
15 active at the national level, serving as program chair for the
16 White House Women's Economic Leadership Summit, and she
17 represented the United States at the Women in the New Economy
18 Summit when it convened in England and Northern Ireland; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan is survived by her children, Matthew
20 (Christena) Bonaguidi and Daniel Bonaguidi; her grandchildren,
21 Sophia and Isabelle; her brother, Stephen (Marilyn) Granzky;
22 her goddaughter, Patricia Richey; and several nieces and
23 nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
4 former State Representative Rosemary Mulligan; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Rep. Mulligan as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathies and respect.