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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened by the death of our friend and
4 colleague, former State Representative Rosemary Mulligan of
5 Des Plaines, who passed away on December 30, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was born and raised in Chicago; she
7 moved with her family to Park Ridge in 1955, and then moved to
8 Des Plaines when she married; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan earned her Associate of Arts and
10 Science degree in Legal Technology from Harper College in
11 Palatine in 1982; she was a recipient of a 4-year scholarship
12 from Illinois State University in Normal, and received further
13 education at the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal
14 Education; and

15 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was first elected to the Illinois
16 House of Representatives in 1992, serving the people of
17 northwest suburban Cook County in the 65th District (formerly
18 the 55th District) for 20 years, retiring in January 2013; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was the first Des Plaines resident
20 to serve in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

1 WHEREAS, During her tenure in the General Assembly, Rep.
2 Mulligan became a respected leader on State budget issues
3 (particularly human services appropriations), family and
4 women's issues, health care, and early childhood education; and

5 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was recognized for her expertise in
6 prescription drug problems, compulsive gambling, health
7 insurance coverage and reforms, welfare-to-work, and victims'
8 rights; and

9 WHEREAS, Some of Rep. Mulligan's key accomplishments
10 include passage of a bill making female genital mutilation
11 illegal in Illinois, the establishment of the veterans'
12 scratch-off lottery card to fund veteran's programs in
13 Illinois, a bill to allow for an income tax check-off to help
14 pay for prosthesis replacements for veterans, securing funding
15 for fighting flooding issues in the Des Plaines River area,
16 instituting programs to fight compulsive gambling and other
17 addictions, casting a deciding vote in favor of Illinois' civil
18 unions bill and advancing marriage equality, and addressing
19 transportation issues, including the S-curve in Des Plaines on
20 which she worked with the late Des Plaines Mayor Paul Jung and
21 former State Representative Carolyn Krause; and

22 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan served as majority chair or minority
23 spokesperson of the Illinois House Human Services

1 Appropriations Committee for 17 of her 20 years in the General
2 Assembly; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan served on many committees
4 throughout her time in the General Assembly, including the
5 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, the Access to Federal
6 Funding Committee (minority spokesperson), the Appropriations
7 for Elementary & Secondary Education Committee, the
8 Appropriations for Human Services Committee (minority
9 spokesperson), the Business & Occupational Licenses Committee,
10 the Health Care Availability & Accessibility Committee, the
11 Health Care Licenses Committee, and the Medicaid Reform, Family
12 & Children Services Committee (minority spokesperson); and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan served on numerous other task forces
14 and committees, including the Illinois Discharged Service
15 Member Task Force, the Governor's Senior Pharmaceutical
16 Assistance Review Committee, the Joint Task Force on Immigrant
17 Issues, the Early Intervention Task Force, the Elder Abuse Task
18 Force, and the Illinois Workforce Investment Board; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was selected to attend the Women's
20 Political and Economic Leadership Conferences in Northern
21 Ireland and London in 1999; she was also a delegate to Israel
22 and was the program chair for the White House Women's Economic
23 Leadership Summit in 1997; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan additionally served on the Citizens
2 Council on Children, the Illinois Clemency Project for Battered
3 Women, and the National Advisory Council of the Campaign for
4 Women's Health; and

5 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan received numerous awards and honors
6 during her legislative career and was named "One of the Top 100
7 Women Making A Difference" by Today's Chicago Woman; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan received countless awards for her
9 advocacy and work in the legislature and community, including
10 the Health Care Council of Illinois Legislator of the Year
11 Award, the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation
12 Certificate of Appreciation, the Lutheran Social Services of
13 Illinois Legislative Champion Award, the American Cancer
14 Society Leadership Award for the Smoke-Free Illinois Act, the
15 Maine Center Legislative Star Award, the Illinois Farm Bureau
16 ACTIVATOR Friend of Agriculture Award, the Illinois Health Care
17 Association Legislator of the Year, the Illinois Council
18 Against Handgun Violence Legislative Advocacy Award, the
19 Illinois Area Vocational Directors Council and Illinois
20 Education Employment System Directors Leadership Certificate
21 of Appreciation, the Illinois Primary Health Care Association
22 Legislative Advocacy Award, the Advocate Lutheran General
23 Hospital Certificate of Appreciation, the Civic Leadership

1 Recognition Award of the Polish American Leadership
2 Initiative, the Legislative Award of the Italian American
3 Political Coalition, the Friend of Consumer Award from the
4 Illinois Coalition for Competitive Telecommunications, the
5 Legislator of the Year Award from The Harbour, Inc., the Youth
6 Campus Award, the Francine M. Bernstein Make It Happen Award,
7 the Leadership Award from the Illinois Library Association, the
8 Outstanding Legislator Award from the Campaign for Better
9 Health, the Certificate of Appreciation from the Illinois
10 Immigrant Coalition, the National Pathfinder Award from the
11 Center for Policy Alternatives, the Legislator of the Year
12 Award from the North Suburban Library System, the Outstanding
13 Working Woman of the Year Award from the Illinois Business &
14 Professional Women, the Leadership Award from the Illinois
15 Library Association, the Human Dignity Award from the Illinois
16 Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Legislator of the Year
17 from the National Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling,
18 the Legislator of the Year Award from the Illinois Association
19 of Community Mental Health Agencies, the Courage Award from the
20 Women's Leadership Conference, the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Award,
21 the Heart Start Chicago Award of the National Center for
22 Clinical Infant Programs, the Illinois Community College
23 Trustee Association Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the
24 Champion of Local Government Award from the Suburban Mayors
25 Action Coalition of Cook County; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan served in various professional and
2 community organizations, including the Flemming Fellow
3 Leadership National Board, the National Conference of State
4 Legislators Health Forum, the Illinois Conference of Women
5 Legislators, the Illinois Federation of Business and
6 Professional Women, the Advisory Board of Avenues to
7 Independence, the Advisory Board of Have Dreams, the Illinois
8 Republican Committeewoman's Roundtable, the Maine Township
9 Regular Republican Organization, the Northwest Suburban
10 Republican Women, the League of Women Voters, the National
11 Women's Political Caucus, and the Illinois Women's Political
12 Caucus; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan was a champion of women's
14 reproductive freedom and a passionate advocate for access to
15 quality health care; particularly for children, the elderly,
16 the developmentally disabled, and those with special needs; and

17 WHEREAS, Rep. Mulligan raised 2 sons, Dan and Matt, and was
18 the proud grandmother of Sophia and Isabelle; and

19 WHEREAS, Members of the Illinois House of Representatives
20 will miss both the candor and dedication with which Rep.
21 Mulligan tackled issues that came before the chamber and the
22 passion with which she served her constituents; therefore, be
23 it

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

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Rep. Rosemary Mulligan as a symbol
8 of our sincere sympathy.