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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Barbara 4 J. Gross of Jacksonville, who passed away on August 16, 2019; 5 and

WHEREAS, Barbara Gross was born in Jacksonville to Harriet
and Everet Moss on October 5, 1928; she was a lifelong resident
of Jacksonville and graduated from Jacksonville High School in
1946; later in life, she graduated from Lincoln Land Community
College and continued her education at Sangamon State
University; she married William L. Gross in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Gross was a dedicated public official; she served as the Morgan County Clerk from 1974 until her retirement in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Gross was well respected by her peers and served as President of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); she was passionate about politics and led the Morgan County Democratic Women's Club for many years; she participated in State and national politics; she ran for State Representative and was elected as a delegate to several democratic presidential nominating conventions; she and her husband

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enjoyed representing the Democrats in parades; she was thrilled 1 2 to be selected as the Grand Marshal of the Jacksonville St. Patrick's Day Parade; in addition to her public service, she 3 was a member of the Central Christian Church; she was active in 5 the Jacksonville community and served on the boards of the 6 Educational Day Care Center, the American Red Cross, the Girl Scouts, and the Jacksonville Library; she volunteered for the 7 8 Morgan County United Way, the Heart Fund, and the American 9 Cancer Society; she loved her children, grandchildren, and her 10 husband; she especially enjoyed attending her grandchildren's 11 athletic events; and

- 12 WHEREAS, Barbara Gross was preceded in death by her 13 parents; and her husband of 61 years, William; and
 - WHEREAS, Barbara Gross is survived by her daughter, Gayle (James) Stewart; her sons, David (Barbara) Gross and Tim Gross; her grandchildren, Justin Stewart, Evan Stewart, Jay Gross, Jeffrey Gross, and Joanna Gross; her brother, Warren (Sue) Moss; and her special niece, Linda Hall Lewis; therefore, be it
 - RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Barbara J. Gross and extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

- RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 1
- presented to the family of Barbara Gross as an expression of 2
- our deepest sympathy. 3