

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of this Body are pleased to
3 recognize our distinguished colleague of the Senate, Adeline
4 Geo-Karis, on the occasion of her 85th birthday, which she
5 will celebrate on March 29, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Geo-Karis has served the 31st District
7 since 1979; she is the first woman in Illinois history to
8 serve in the Senate leadership, having served as the
9 Assistant Senate Majority Leader from 1993 to 2003; she
10 previously served six years in the House of Representatives;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Geo-Karis has a legacy of
13 accomplishments; she is the first Lake County woman ever
14 elected to the Senate and House; she is the first lake County
15 woman to be appointed Assistant State's Attorney and elected
16 Justice of the Peace in Lake County; she is a former mayor of
17 Zion; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Geo-Karis was named the Co-Chairman for
19 the Senate Executive Appointments Committee and is currently
20 one of two Republican Senators to serve as co-chairmen in the
21 93rd General Assembly; she also serves as a member of the
22 Financial Institutions committee; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Geo-Karis is currently a precinct
24 committeewoman and parliamentarian for the Lake County
25 Republican Central Committee and has previously served as
26 co-chairman of the committee; she has had the distinction of
27 serving as a delegate to the 1984, 1988, 1996, and 2000
28 National Republican Conventions and as secretary to the
29 Illinois Delegation; she was an Alternate Delegate to the
30 1992 National Republican Convention; and

31 WHEREAS, Senator Geo-Karis has pioneered legislation on

1 gasohol, solar energy, and other alternative energy
2 resources; she successfully sponsored and supported bills for
3 strong crime control and to benefit senior citizens, youth,
4 people with disabilities, and the working majority; she has
5 been cited for her sponsorship of the Nuclear Safety
6 Preparedness Act, the Alternative Energy Act, and many laws
7 to increase safety on Illinois lakes; she is the sponsor of
8 the "Guilty but Mentally Ill" law and she successfully
9 sponsored the repeal of the Illinois inheritance tax; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Geo-Karis was born March 29, 1918 in
11 Tegeas, Greece; she is a graduate of Northwestern University;
12 she received her LL.B from DePaul University College of Law;
13 she is a retired Lieutenant Commander in the United States
14 Navy Reserve with top secret clearance; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Senator Adeline Jay Geo-Karis on the occasion
18 of her 85th birthday and commend her for her diligent efforts
19 on behalf of the citizens of the 31st district and the State;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Senator Adeline Geo-Karis with our best wishes
23 and as a token of our respect and esteem.