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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois recently learned of the death of Ann Bailey Prichard of Glen Ellyn on Monday, January 9, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Prichard was born on August 28, 1900, in Glen Ellyn to Eugene Bailey and Inastelle Gauch; she had one brother and four stepbrothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, She left school early in order to selflessly care for her father and brothers and sisters when her mother passed away; she did this throughout her schooling years while still finding time to learn music; she was an accomplished pianist by the age of 14; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from Glenbard High School in 1918, she went to work for the Glen Ellyn Post Office, where she aspired to break the gender barrier and become a female railway clerk; here she met her future husband, Harold Prichard; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Prichard was a lifelong resident and the longest living person of Glen Ellyn at the time of her passing; she was born and lived at 567 Park Boulevard in her grandmother Gauch's home; three years later, she moved to 636 Park Boulevard into a house that her father built; and

WHEREAS, In 1923, she moved to 546 Forest Ave. with her husband, Harold Prichard, where she lived until 1978; together, they had five children, Merrill, Harold, Marjorie, Marylyn, and Donald, and her family always came first; she raised the children with the help of her aunt after her dear husband passed away in 1941; her life was her family, and she would bake and sell pies in order to earn money to pay for their dance and piano lessons; she also ensured that higher education was readily available to her children, and each of them

1 graduated from the University of Illinois or Northern Illinois  
2 University with degrees; and

3 WHEREAS, She worked as an office manager for the Milton  
4 Township Assessors Office, retiring after 43 years of service;  
5 she was a longtime member of First Congregational Church of  
6 Glen Ellyn, where she remained active until 2003; her  
7 participation only ceased because she moved; she had a passion  
8 for reading romance novels and traveled extensively throughout  
9 the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1978, she moved to a condominium at 445 Park  
11 Boulevard, where she lived until she was 102 years old; she  
12 then moved to Sunset Assisted Living Center, where she will  
13 always be remembered for her sense of humor; she was an avid  
14 Cubs fan and never missed a televised game; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Prichard and her friends, Mildred Patch  
16 Mulligan and Helen Clippinger were the subject of a documentary  
17 to be produced by actress Julia Roberts; the Many Marys and  
18 Marthas group, or M.M.M.s, dated back to 1917 and once helped  
19 to build a tennis court; the documentary, titled "Old Friends",  
20 was to be co-produced and narrated by Ms. Roberts; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout her long life, Ann Bailey Prichard  
22 touched many hearts, especially her children, Merrill E.  
23 (Bonnie) Prichard, Harold C. Jr. (Suzanne) Prichard, Marjorie  
24 P. Cole, Marylyn P. Conrad, and Donald E. (Diane) Prichard; her  
25 grandchildren, Lynn Prichard Goedde, James Francis Conrad,  
26 David Andrew Prichard, Gary Owen Prichard, Mark Allen Prichard,  
27 Jeffrey Lee Conrad, Karen Conrad Koestner, Gordon Howard Cole,  
28 Ann Prichard Considine, Sue Prichard Hodges, Lee Merrill  
29 Prichard, Barbara Cole Mashburn, Jay Bailey Prichard, and Brian  
30 Canfield Prichard; her great-grandchildren, Christopher Lee  
31 Conrad, David James Conrad, Nancy Elizabeth Hodges Strother,  
32 Bradley Gordon Cole, Kenneth John Cole, Mackenzie Noelle

1 Prichard, Amy Elizabeth Mashburn, Wesley Merrill Hodges,  
2 Jonathan Logan Conrad, Sarah Rebecca Mashburn, Kari Ann Conrad  
3 Moses, Caroline Anne Prichard, Bailey Grace Prichard, Nicholas  
4 John Goedde, Lauren Bailey Goedde, Kellie Ann Conrad, Maire  
5 Catherine Elizabeth Considine, Hannah Katherine Goedde,  
6 Colleen Ann Considine, Bryan James Koestner, Kyle David  
7 Koestner, Cameron Daniel Considine, Kevin Patrick Goedde,  
8 Scott Ryan Prichard, James Oliver Hodges, VI, and Claire Elise  
9 Prichard; and her nephew, Arthur Bailey; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we celebrate the life of Ann Prichard of Glen Ellyn, who passed  
13 away at the age of 105, and we extend our deepest sympathy to  
14 her family and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to her family as an expression of our condolences.