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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 Elizabeth
4 "Bess" Eichelberger of Plainfield, who passed away on February
5 21, 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Eichelberger served on the Plainfield
7 School District Board for almost 26 years, including several
8 years as president: November 1981 to November 1982, November
9 1986 to November 1987, and November 1989 to November 1991; in
10 August of 2008, Plainfield School District opened a new
11 elementary school, naming it after Elizabeth Eichelberger; she
12 began her time with the Plainfield School District Board on
13 April 13, 1976 and retired on November 12, 2001; and

14 WHEREAS, She also served 11 years as the director of the
15 Illinois Association of School Boards; while on the school
16 board, she volunteered as secretary at Indian Trail Middle
17 School and as receptionist at the district office, in addition
18 to her other volunteer work; she was school board president
19 when the 1990 tornado struck the area, destroying Plainfield
20 High School, Grand Prairie Elementary School and St. Mary's
21 Immaculate Church where she served as president of the parish
22 council; she went to Washington, D.C., after the tornado to
23 drum up support for Plainfield; and

1 WHEREAS, After retiring from the school board in 2001, she
2 stayed loyal to the Plainfield School District, serving as a
3 school board ambassador; she attended many school board
4 meetings to report on what she had seen occur at Plainfield
5 Village Board meetings; she also attended many community
6 functions, including graduations, Veterans Day celebrations,
7 homecomings, and numerous ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the
8 district's new schools; and

9 WHEREAS, She was a bookkeeper for 33 years, and received
10 numerous awards, including the United Way of Will County's
11 Roger Osman Award for distinguished volunteer service in 2005;
12 the Joliet Junior College Distinguished Service Award in 1991;
13 and the State Board of Education's Those Who Excel Award in
14 1992; and

15 WHEREAS, She served on the YMCA advisory board, the
16 Plainfield Rotary, the United Way of Will County, the Hall of
17 Fame committee at Plainfield High School, Will County Project
18 Pride, as a greeter at St. Mary's, the district's homecoming
19 committee, and Plainfield Central High School's athletic and
20 band booster clubs; State Representative Tom Cross appointed
21 her to the State panel for Ticket for a Cure; and she helped
22 form an advisory board and recruited community members to join
23 and raise money for the C.W. Avery Family YMCA in Plainfield;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Her husband, Edward, died in 1976; and

3 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Eichelberger was the mother of Linda
4 (Danny) Hulbert and Ed Eichelberger; and the grandmother of
5 Christina Hulbert; she is also survived by her caregivers, Ron
6 and Kathy Kazmar; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of
10 Elizabeth "Bess" Eichelberger; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Elizabeth "Bess" Eichelberger as a
13 symbol of our sincere sympathy.