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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are
3 saddened to learn of the death of Mary Jo Arndt of Lombard, who
4 passed away on September 24, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was a 1951 graduate of Glenbard West High
6 School and a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a
7 B.S. in Education; she was a former teacher in Villa Park and
8 Urbana; she had been a newspaper columnist; and she was the
9 managing partner and hospital administrator of the Lombard
10 Veterinary Hospital with her husband; together, they
11 established the Lombard Veterinary Hospital in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, She was an integral part of the York Township
13 Republican Women's Organization for 45 years and served as a
14 former Republican national committeewoman for Illinois; she
15 served as past president of the National Federation of
16 Republican Women; she was a pioneer in efforts to increase
17 opportunities for women in politics, government, and
18 education; in addition, she founded the Illinois Republican
19 Women's Roundtable in 1989, established the Illinois Lincoln
20 Excellence in Public Service Series, conducted many seminars on
21 various facets of political organization and party structure,
22 and lent her skills to campaign efforts in almost every county
23 in Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, She served as publicity chairperson for the
2 Lombard Minutemen, was a Girl Scout leader, executive secretary
3 for the Lombard Lilac Parade Committee, a Rotary Ann, and was
4 actively involved with the Maple Street Chapel Preservation
5 Society, the YWCA, and the Lombard Chamber of Commerce; and

6 WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan appointed her to be a
7 member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships
8 and she was reappointed by President Bush; she served as a
9 member of the Republican National Committee for Illinois from
10 1988 to 2008 and was elected to the RNC Executive Committee
11 representing the Midwestern Region from 2005 to 2008; she was
12 the chairman of the Illinois Women for McCain campaign and was
13 a member of the McCain National Hispanic Outreach Team; and

14 WHEREAS, She recently completed 6 years on the board of
15 directors of American Women for International Understanding
16 and was a member and adviser of the Republican National
17 Hispanic Assembly of Illinois; she was a member of the Xilin
18 Asian Association Board of Directors; she was twice elected by
19 the primary voters of the 6th Congressional District as their
20 State central committeeman, in 1982 and 1986; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2008, she was elected vice chair emeritus of
22 the Illinois Republican State Committee, she was a member of

1 the Illinois Governor's Commission on the Status of Women; she
2 served on the Working Group on Balancing Work and Family; she
3 represented President Bush as an observer of the Romanian
4 elections in May of 1990; and

5 WHEREAS, She had a U.S. Senate confirmed appointment to the
6 National Advisory Council on Women's Education Programs during
7 the Reagan Administration, where she served as chairman of the
8 Women's Educational Equity Act Committee; she was a member of
9 the Advisory Committee to the Illinois State Superintendent of
10 Schools; she also served on the Illinois Commission for the
11 Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment; and

12 WHEREAS, Today's Chicago Woman twice named Mrs. Arndt a
13 "Power Personality", a woman making a difference in
14 Chicagoland's business and social environment; she served as a
15 member of the U.S. Small Business Administration National
16 Advisory Council from 2001 to 2007 and was selected by the
17 Foundation for Women's Resources as one of 100 women to
18 participate in Leadership America; she was a member of the
19 National Board of Directors of Leadership America from 2001 to
20 2006, and was a member of the Advisory Board of Leadership
21 Illinois and of Save the Patient; the Gallup Organization
22 selected her as a "Visionary Leader for the 21st Century" and
23 awarded her a full scholarship to the Gallup Leadership
24 Institute; and

1 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Arndt is survived by her husband, Dr. Paul
2 W., DVM; her daughters, Dr. Kristi L. Arndt, Ph.D., DVM, Kerri
3 A. (Russell) Roselli, and Dr. Georgianne, DVM (Gregory) Ludwig;
4 her grandchildren, Gregory R. Ludwig, Phillip P. Roselli,
5 Graceanne N. Ludwig, and Kaleigh A. Roselli; her cousin, Betty
6 Bussema; and many other relatives, friends, and pets;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
10 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn, along with her family
11 and friends, the passing of Mary Jo Arndt; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Mary Jo Arndt as a symbol of our
14 sincere sympathy.