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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 Lucille
4 "Jackie" Gallagher, who passed away on April 22, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher was born on June 7, 1928 in
6 Chicago to Louis and Lucille Jaacks, the youngest of 3
7 children; she graduated from St. Genevieve Grammar and
8 Providence High Schools in Chicago, and attended the School of
9 the Art Institute in Chicago; she married Will Gallagher in
10 1950 and they became parents of 4 children; and

11 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher was involved in Democratic
12 politics at the local, State and national levels for her entire
13 adult life, involving her children right alongside her going
14 door-to-door, distributing yard signs, and attending rallies;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher worked for passage of the Equal
17 Rights Amendment in Illinois, believing that equality for women
18 was essential to the country's future; and

19 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher was one of the original staff
20 members hired by then-Democratic leader Michael J. Madigan in
21 1981, and worked for him after he became Speaker of the

1 Illinois House of Representatives in 1983; and

2 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher served as a key advisor and a
3 tough and straight-talking spokesperson for the Chicago
4 Teachers Union under presidents Jacqueline B. Vaughn and Thomas
5 Reece; and

6 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher was appointed to head the
7 Illinois Labor Relations Board, a post she held from 2003 until
8 her retirement; and

9 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher's commitment to Democratic
10 politics and her belief in women's rightful place in the
11 political arena led her to serve on the founding board of
12 Illinois Women in Leadership, a training program for Democratic
13 women who wish to seek elective office; and

14 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher devoted her life to the political
15 process because of her belief in the importance of the process
16 and the ideals of the Democratic party; and

17 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher's influence on candidates,
18 legislative staffers, elected officials, and labor leaders
19 will be felt for years to come; and

20 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher was preceded in death by her

1 parents, and by her son, Paul; and

2 WHEREAS, Jackie Gallagher is survived by her children,
3 Audrey, Hugh, and Jane; her ex-husband, Will; her grandson,
4 James and his fiancée Layla Lewis; and her brothers, Louis and
5 Richard; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we mourn the passing of Jackie Gallagher, and we extend our
9 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
10 and loved her; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Jackie Gallagher as an expression of
13 our deepest sympathy.