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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Anne Weston McGowan, who passed away on March 7, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Anne McGowan was born on August 12, 1937 in Brooklyn, New York; she was the only child of Harold and Frances Weston; and

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WHEREAS, Anne McGowan attended Middlebury College as a young woman in 1955; she subsequently graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Anne McGowan married James Denise McGowan on July 3, 1958 at Fort Devens, Massachusetts; Jim McGowan, a former professor at Illinois Wesleyan University, predeceased her by one year to the day; and

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WHEREAS, Anne McGowan was survived by 3 children and 3 grandsons; and

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WHEREAS, Anne McGowan was an active and dedicated volunteer in the non-profit organization formerly known as Operation Recycle since its inception, beginning her service during a

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1 one-day recycling drive in 1971; Operation Recycle created and
2 then provided recycling services to the Bloomington and Normal
3 community for over 2 decades until the assumption of this role
4 by municipal agencies; and

5 WHEREAS, Anne McGowan worked to educate local school
6 children and adults about the importance of recycling; she led
7 these efforts as the first Director of the Ecology Action
8 Center, the non-profit environmental agency that evolved from
9 Operation Recycle; and

10 WHEREAS, Anne McGowan demonstrated passion, dedication,
11 and leadership in McLean County by inspiring generations of
12 McLean County residents to act as proper stewards of our
13 environment and our natural resources; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn the passing of Anne Weston McGowan, recognize her
17 remarkable career and significant efforts to improve her local
18 environment, and express our eternal appreciation for her
19 dedication in service to the McLean County community; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Anne McGowan as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.