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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 Marion Flynn of Evanston, who passed away on October 8, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Marion Flynn was born in Holbrook, Massachusetts on January 22, 1952; she attended Catholic schools, including Archbishop Williams High School in her hometown; she earned her bachelor's degree in Theology and English from Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Newton Centre, Massachusetts in 1974; she moved to Chicago in 1974; she earned her MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Marion Flynn worked as a corporate banker for 33 years; she began her career at Continental Bank in 1974, where she later served as a vice president; she retired as senior vice president of Bank of America in 2007; she then worked as a development associate for Frances Xavier Warde School in 2007 and as a development manager for the North Shore United Way from 2011 to 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Marion Flynn was committed to helping others and well known for her volunteerism; she donated countless hours to a number of nonprofit organizations, including Meals On

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1 Wheels Northeastern Illinois and Meals at Home from 2013 to
2 2017, YWCA Evanston, YWCA North Shore, the Illinois Holocaust
3 Museum & Education Center, the Child Restoration Outreach
4 Support Organization (CROSO) to educate street children in
5 Uganda, the Open Communities fair housing agency, the North
6 Shore United Way, and the United Way of Evanston; she served on
7 several boards, including Connections for Abused Women and
8 their Children (CAWC) as board chair from 1980 to 1986,
9 Evanston's Parks and Recreation Board from 1983 to 1993, the
10 United Way of Evanston as a member and president from 1999 to
11 2009, CROSO since 2009, and the YWCA Steering Committee since
12 2014; she was also a strong supporter of the School District 65
13 PTA Equity Project; and

14 WHEREAS, Marion Flynn felt called to the priesthood and
15 advocated for women to be ordained in the Catholic Church for
16 many years; she also believed in integrating social activism
17 and Catholic religious traditions by helping the poor,
18 combating social injustice, and reforming social structures;
19 she served as a board member and treasurer of the Women's
20 Ordination Conference since 2013, which is based in
21 Washington, D.C.; she planted a seed for an entire younger
22 generation of women to work to advocate for women in the
23 Catholic Church and worked for the renewal of the Catholic
24 Church to be more people-centered; while she was not ordained
25 as a priest, she truly lived a life of service and charity; and

1 WHEREAS, Marion Flynn was a member of St. Nicholas Church
2 in Evanston for more than 30 years, where she served as church
3 treasurer, door greeter, lector, and trainer of lectors; she
4 was a member of the Parish Council, the Finance Council, and
5 the Holiday Festival Committee; she also co-founded the
6 church's LGBTQ ministry; and

7 WHEREAS, Marion Flynn was known for her patience,
8 kindness, and generosity; she enjoyed playing mah-jongg and
9 softball, and she managed Evanston's Girls Night Out softball
10 team for more than 20 years; she will be remembered for her
11 life of service and her ability to create community everywhere
12 she went; she will be greatly missed by all; and

13 WHEREAS, Marion Flynn was preceded in death by her
14 sibling, Alton; and

15 WHEREAS, Marion Flynn is survived by her son, James Price
16 (Anna Domenick); her granddaughter, Lula; and her sisters,
17 Kathleen Flynn and Evelyn Mavilia; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn the passing of Marion Flynn and extend our sincere
21 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved

1 her; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Marion Flynn as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.