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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 Alice F.
4 (Fitch) Gallagher, President of the Village of Western
5 Springs, who passed away on March 21, 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, President Gallagher was a graduate of Miami
7 University of Ohio and Seattle University School of Law; she
8 and her husband, Terry, raised their five children in the
9 Field Park neighborhood of the Village of Western Springs; and

10 WHEREAS, President Gallagher was an attorney who dedicated
11 her time towards serving her community; she was president of
12 the Field Park PTO from 2003 to 2004, chair of the Western
13 Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence from 2004 to
14 2005, and a member of the Western Springs School District 101
15 Board of Education from 2005 to 2009; she then served as a
16 trustee of the Village of Western Springs from 2013 to 2017
17 before being elected as village president in 2017; she was
18 re-elected for another four-year term in 2021, and she was
19 serving as village president at the time of her passing; and

20 WHEREAS, Since becoming village president in May 2017,
21 President Gallagher had served on the regional council of
22 government West Central Municipal Conference, as president of

1 the Central Council of Mayors, a director of the Executive
2 Committee, chair of the Central Council Transportation
3 Committee, and co-chair of the joint Central/North Central
4 Transportation Committee; she also served on the Chicago
5 Metropolitan Agency for Planning Council of Mayors Executive
6 Committee; she was appointed by Governor JB Pritzker to serve
7 on the Board of the Illinois Tollway in February 2019, where
8 she served as chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the
9 Finance, Administration, & Operations Committee and the
10 Systems Review & Customer Service Committee; and

11 WHEREAS, President Gallagher volunteered as an ESL teacher
12 for School on Wheels from 2008 to 2010 and as a yoga teacher
13 and mentor from 2016 to 2017; and

14 WHEREAS, President Gallagher was the wife of Judge John
15 "Terry" Gallagher; the mother of John, Tom, Dan, Marilyn, and
16 Joe; the daughter of James A. Fitch and the late Marilyn Fitch;
17 the stepdaughter of the late Beth Fitch; and the sister of Jim
18 (the late Nancy) Fitch and Ed (Marybeth) Fitch; therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we mourn the passing of Alice F. (Fitch) Gallagher, President
23 of the Village of Western Springs, and extend our sincere

1 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
2 her; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of President Gallagher as an
5 expression of our deepest sympathy.