

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish
3 to honor the memory of Karen Lou Hamity formerly of Highland
4 Park who passed away on August 27, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Karen Lou Hamity was born on September 29, 1949;
6 she was a graduate of Yale University and received her law
7 degree from Northwestern University; at the time of her
8 passing, she was employed by the Kaplan Foundation; she was
9 married to Ludwig Kolman and she was the mother of Noah,
10 Lily, and Chloe; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Hamity was the recipient of the 2002
12 Highland Park Humanitarian Award; she received the award
13 posthumously; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Hamity was very involved in the Highland
15 Park Schools; she created the Art Appreciation Program at
16 Ravinia Elementary School and helped design the Imagination
17 Station that encouraged children to enjoy publishing their
18 literary works; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Hamity became involved as a mentor in the
20 writing lab at Highland Park High School in 1992; she worked
21 with the Patron of the Arts program and chaperoned at Grad
22 nights; she set up a Prevention Program which involved
23 sending out mailings to the school community and bringing in
24 speakers; and

25 WHEREAS, Ms. Hamity worked with Latino children; she
26 counseled children about healthy choices, drove them to
27 dental appointments, took them out for coffee, and brought
28 them into her home; and

29 WHEREAS, Ms. Hamity was instrumental in Parent
30 University; she co-chaired this program by bringing in
31 speakers, organizing, and supervising; she served on the

1 committee to Define the Gifted, making certain there were
2 adequate programs available to the large population of
3 students who qualified; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Hamity will be remembered as a leader and a
5 team player; she exemplified good citizenship in her
6 relentless tasks of correcting injustice in the schools and
7 her community; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we honor the memory of Karen Lou Hamity for her selfless
11 devotion to students and her community; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Karen Lou Hamity as a token of our
14 respect and esteem for her accomplishments.