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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Charlotte T. Reid of Aurora, who passed away on January 25, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Charlotte Reid was born in Kankakee on September 27, 1913; her parents were Edward and Ethel (Stith) Thompson; and

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WHEREAS, Charlotte Reid attended the Aurora public schools, and spent two years at Illinois College in Jacksonville; she received honorary degrees from John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois College, and Aurora University; and

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WHEREAS, Charlotte Reid studied voice in Chicago under Louise Gilbert and was a featured vocalist on the NBC radio show, Don McNeil's Breakfast Club, singing under her professional name, Annette King; she also sang on Club Matinee and Sunday Dinner at Aunt Fannie's, both NBC radio shows; and

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WHEREAS, After the death of her husband, Frank Reid in 1962, Charlotte Reid was chosen to replace him on the ballot as the nominee for the 15th Congressional District Representative

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1 seat; she won the seat and was re-elected four times; while in
2 Congress she served on the Appropriations Committee, Interior
3 and Insular Affairs Committee, Public Works Committee, House
4 Republican Policy Committee, and the Standards of Office and
5 Conduct Committee; in 1964 she addressed the Republican
6 National Convention in San Francisco and in 1968 addressed the
7 Convention in Miami; and

8 WHEREAS, Charlotte Reid was a friend to President Kennedy,
9 President Johnson, and President Nixon; she served in Congress
10 with future President Gerald Ford and also remained friends
11 with him throughout the years; and

12 WHEREAS, During her fifth term in Washington, Charlotte
13 Reid was appointed to the Federal Communications Commission
14 (F.C.C.) by then President Nixon; she served as the
15 commissioner of defense and was placed in charge of following
16 developments in the field of emergency preparedness and defense
17 mobilization; she served with the F.C.C. until 1976; after
18 leaving the F.C.C. she was elected to several boards of
19 directors, including Motorola and Mid-Atlantic Bank in New
20 Jersey; and

21 WHEREAS, Former Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger
22 appointed Charlotte Reid to serve on the Board of Defense
23 Advisory Committee on Women in the Services in 1982; President

1 Ronald Reagan appointed her to serve on the Presidential Task
2 Force on International Private Enterprise; and she served on
3 the Board of Governors of the Hoover Institution at Stanford
4 University; and

5 WHEREAS, Charlotte Reid enjoyed music, golf, and politics;
6 she played golf for many years and loved watching golf
7 tournaments; she would watch television programs that dealt
8 with local, national, and international issues, and enjoyed old
9 musicals; and she spent summers at her home in Flint, Michigan;
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11 WHEREAS, She was helped the last few years in Aurora by her
12 dear neighbors, Perline Hayden and Beth Grant; and

13 WHEREAS, Charlotte Reid was preceded in death by her
14 husband, Frank Reid, and her son, Edward T. Reid; and

15 WHEREAS, Charlotte Reid is survived by her daughters, State
16 Representative Patricia (George) Reid Lindner and Susan (Todd)
17 Lewis; her son, Frank Reid; her grandchildren, Tom (Stacy)
18 Reid, Mike (Pepi) Linder, Jon (Karen) Lindner, Brooks
19 (Blueberry) Lindner, Courtney (Leather) Lindner Storrs, Frank
20 Reid, Stacy (Bill) Reid Tsozrapos, and Jonathon Lewis; and her
21 thirteen great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend condolences
3 to the family and friends of Charlotte Reid at this time of
4 loss; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Charlotte Reid as a symbol of our
7 sympathy and respect.