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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 Patricia
4 Kay (White) Connolly of Marion, who passed away on January 9,
5 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, She was born February 22, 1926, in Marion, to
7 Frank and Louise (Volk) White; after her mother's death, she
8 was raised by her father, Frank "Sweetie Pie" and his wife,
9 Dorene (Bertane) White "Mum-Mum"; Patricia was united in
10 marriage with John Joseph Connolly on August 18, 1949, at
11 Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Du Quoin; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Connolly was a homemaker and a member of St.
13 Joseph Catholic Church in Marion; she was educated all over
14 Illinois and the surrounding area, including the Academy of
15 Notre Dame in Belleville, Webster College in St. Louis, and
16 Chicago Music College; and

17 WHEREAS, She was known for her interest in many diverse
18 topics, which she studied and researched extensively,
19 including her love of Jesus Christ, opera singing and
20 performing, handwriting analysis, her great love of
21 literature, and even animals, including her daily feedings of
22 all the squirrels and birds that were lucky enough to inhabit

1 her backyard; and

2 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents; her
3 stepmother; and her infant son, John Joseph Connolly Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Patricia Connolly is survived by her husband of 60
5 years, John Connolly; her daughters and a son-in-law, Mary and
6 Jim Gabby and Patti Peterson; her seven grandchildren, John
7 Gabby, Rachel (Josh) Dunnigan, Lindsay Gabby, Katie Gabby,
8 Allison Powell Pape, Jackson Connolly, and Zachary Peterson;
9 her three great-grandchildren, Grace Pape, Joseph Pape, and
10 Olivia Crain; her cousin, Marianne Mayer; her former
11 grandson-in-law, Nathaniel Pape; and her special friends,
12 Nealy, Jeff, and Joy Brown; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of
16 Patricia Connolly; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Patricia Connolly as a symbol of our
19 sincere sympathy.