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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The blond and statuesque Sybille Fritzsche, our
own Nordic goddess, was an iconic role model for Lab School
mothers during the years she graced our neighborhood; and

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WHEREAS, Sybille's decision to go to law school as an adult
while her children were young served as a different and
possibly even finer role model for Hyde Park mothers; and

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WHEREAS, At the University of Chicago Law School she was
one of my husband's favorite students; and

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WHEREAS, Sybille's work for the Illinois chapter of the
American Civil Liberties Union, from the late 1960s through
1974 broke ground in the areas of reproductive rights,
religious liberty, free speech, gender discrimination, and
employment law; and

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WHEREAS, Sybille, barely out of law school, served as lead
attorney in the case of Doe V. Scott, a pre-Roe v. Wade
decision which established that the federal right to privacy
protects a woman's right to choose abortion; and

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WHEREAS, She laid the legal groundwork for the successful
challenge to a Chicago public college preparatory school that

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1 initially barred women from admission and, when the ban was
2 lifted, required successful women applicants to earn higher
3 scores than their male counterparts; and

4 WHEREAS, Sybille later served with distinction as
5 executive director of the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil
6 Rights under the Law; and

7 WHEREAS, Sybille's incisive mind and extraordinary
8 constitutional vision provided a strong intellectual framework
9 for her legal work on behalf of women, the poor, and racial
10 minorities; and

11 WHEREAS, Her friends and neighbors, as well as all the
12 people of Illinois, were sorry to lose her charm and her
13 talents when she and Hellmut moved to Arizona; and

14 WHEREAS, This is the year Sybille celebrates her 80th
15 birthday; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 thank Sybille Fritzsche for her tireless work on behalf of
19 civil rights and civil liberties, that we send her joy on her
20 birthday, and that we wish her happy days in the years ahead;
21 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Sybille Fritzsche as an expression of our profound
3 respect and esteem.