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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 Sandra J.
4 Mills, who passed away on November 27, 2012, after a long
5 battle with cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Sandra J. Mills was born on March 26, 1947, in
7 Mendota to Lois and Ben Clarke; she grew up in Peoria, obtained
8 her B.S. in sociology at Bradley University, her M.S.W. at the
9 University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, and her doctorate in
10 adult education at Northern Illinois University; and

11 WHEREAS, Sandra J. Mills devoted much of her career to the
12 practice of social work; in 1991 she became the lobbyist for
13 the National Association of Social Workers-Illinois Chapter
14 and in that capacity was a strong and successful advocate for
15 the profession of social work and for human services in
16 Illinois and in the United States for 17 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Sandra J. Mills joined the faculty of the
18 University of Illinois-Springfield in 1994 where she taught at
19 the graduate and undergraduate levels in the Child Family and
20 Community Services Program and the Social Work Program; she
21 achieved tenure in 2001 and served as department chair in 2003
22 and 2004; she developed an internship for students and taught

1 in Sighisoara, Romania, in 2001 and 2004; she retired from UIS
2 as professor emeritus; and

3 WHEREAS, Sandra J. Mills was the recipient of many honors
4 and awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award in Social
5 Work from the National Association of Social Workers-Illinois
6 Chapter; and

7 WHEREAS, Sandra J. Mills was a loving and inspirational
8 mother, mentor, friend, and partner who was adored and
9 cherished by her family, friends, and colleagues and will be
10 remembered for her humor, warmth, open-mindedness, intellect,
11 and compassion; and

12 WHEREAS, Sandra J. Mills is survived by her husband, Joseph
13 Mills; her son, Aaron Mills; her daughter, Lisa Stewart; her
14 sister, Joy Henderson; and her sister-in-law, Betty Phalen; and
15 many friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of
19 Sandra J. Mills; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Sandra J. Mills as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.