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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 Nada  
4 "Hope" Jovicin of Richton Park, who passed away on July 18,  
5 2016; and

6           WHEREAS, Nada Jovicin was born on February 14, 1936 in  
7 Novisad, Yugoslavia; she immigrated to the United States  
8 through Trani, Italy in 1949 and became a naturalized United  
9 States citizen on January 10, 1956; she married Milan Jovicin  
10 on December 30, 1987; and

11           WHEREAS, Nada Jovicin retired from A & P Grocery Store  
12 after a long career in the food industry; she was the owner and  
13 operator of Smithfield's Local Grocery Store and Butcher Shop  
14 in Evanston in the early 1990s; she was a real estate agent and  
15 a 10-year member of the North Shore Board of Realtors and the  
16 Chicago Board of Realtors; in 2000, she began working for North  
17 Street Properties; and

18           WHEREAS, Nada Jovicin was an active member of the National  
19 Apartment Association from 2000 to 2016; she was an active  
20 member of the Greater Lexington Apartment Association and was a  
21 member of the Board of Directors for the organization from 2004  
22 to 2006; she was a member of the Richton Park Human Relations

1 Commission; she was vital in organizing and hosting the Annual  
2 Neighbor to Neighbor Dinners in Richton Park and an Associate  
3 Member of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, After the Haiti earthquake in 2010, Nada Jovicin  
5 worked with the "Coalition to Do Good" as a group of Richton  
6 Park residents organized to bring relief to the orphans of  
7 Jeremie, Haiti on the "Fill the Bus" project; she was an  
8 advocate for the Cat Island Sister City Project and became a  
9 member of the Sister City Committee; in the aftermath of  
10 Hurricane Katrina, she came to the aid of a family who lost  
11 everything in the hurricane, taking the family shopping for  
12 everything they needed to start over and even helping the  
13 father to find a new job; and

14 WHEREAS, Nada Jovicin was a founding member of the Red Hat  
15 Society Richton Park Chapter, also known as the Sizzlin Sistas;  
16 the Red Hatters volunteered at the Home Owners Association's  
17 Annual Resident Picnic every year and at their personal expense  
18 cooked and served more than 200 full course meals each year; in  
19 2012, the Red Hat Society adopted an "Aunt Martha's" group home  
20 and served as mentors to young people; and

21 WHEREAS, Nada Jovicin was the recipient of the 2013 Citizen  
22 of the Year award in the Richton Park "I Make a Difference"  
23 Awards program; she was also designated as a 2013 "Peggy A.

1 Montes Unsung Heroine of Cook County" for the Fifth District  
2 and was recognized and awarded a certificate for the Age  
3 Options Volunteer Awards Luncheon, which connects older adults  
4 with community-based resources and options; and

5 WHEREAS, Nada Jovicin was the beloved wife of Milan; the  
6 dear sister of Dmitrije Subich and family of Novi Sad; and the  
7 dearest aunt to Angie (the late Ivan) Djurin and her family;  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of  
12 Nada "Hope" Jovicin; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Nada Jovicin as an expression of our  
15 sympathy.