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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Nannette Butler for devoting
4 her life to advancing social justice, community service, and
5 civic engagement; and

6 WHEREAS, Nannette Butler, a resident of Chicago's Uptown
7 neighborhood in the 46th Ward, has been a dedicated leader at
8 the Wilson Yard Senior Building, where she consistently
9 volunteers to support fellow residents, organizes
10 community-building activities, and coordinates events such as
11 holiday gatherings to foster connection and mutual support
12 among residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Nannette Butler's commitment to service is rooted
14 in her lifelong dedication to civil rights, having been raised
15 in a family deeply engaged in the Civil Rights Movement; and

16 WHEREAS, As a young girl, Nannette Butler participated in
17 efforts supporting the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955 to 1956,
18 organized through the Congregational Church of Park Manor in
19 Chicago, by helping to prepare and send sturdy shoes from
20 Chicago to Montgomery, Alabama, enabling African American
21 women to walk long distances to work while boycotting
22 segregated bus systems; and

1 WHEREAS, Nannette Butler contributed to Operation
2 Breadbasket, an initiative led by the Reverend Jesse Jackson
3 Sr., which focused on economic justice by advocating for
4 employment opportunities, fair hiring practices, and
5 investment in African American communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Nannette Butler also supported Project 75, an
7 initiative aimed at increasing the number of African American
8 students admitted to medical schools, helping to expand
9 opportunities and representation in the medical profession;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Nannette Butler has remained
12 actively involved in faith-based and community-driven social
13 justice initiatives, including numerous programs at the
14 Congregational Church of Park Manor; and

15 WHEREAS, Nannette Butler has volunteered with ONE
16 Northside, contributing to grassroots organizing efforts
17 focused on equity, housing, and community empowerment in
18 Chicago; and

19 WHEREAS, Nannette Butler has served as both a staff member
20 and volunteer at Cornerstone Community Outreach, an
21 Uptown-based organization dedicated to assisting individuals

1 and families experiencing homelessness as they work to rebuild
2 stable and independent lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Nannette Butler's service has extended to
4 volunteering with the Child Day Center in Steger and Just
5 Harvest in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood, both of which
6 are organizations that work to address hunger, poverty, and
7 access to essential services; and

8 WHEREAS, Nannette Butler has remained a consistent and
9 active presence at community events throughout Uptown and the
10 46th Ward, where she donates her time to promote civic
11 participation, including helping residents register to vote
12 and engage in the democratic process; and

13 WHEREAS, Through decades of service, Nannette Butler has
14 made a lasting impact on her community by strengthening
15 institutions and by supporting vulnerable populations;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we commend Nannette Butler for her lifelong commitment to
20 service, civil rights, and community leadership and for the
21 profound and positive impact she has made in Chicago and
22 beyond; and be it further

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