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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 Shirley  
4 McCombs, who passed away on October 2, 2018; and

5           WHEREAS, Shirley McCombs was born in Schuyler County to  
6 Harry and Stella Derry Hunter on June 30, 1937; she married  
7 Charles H. McCombs on May 30, 1956; and

8           WHEREAS, Shirley McCombs will be remembered for her  
9 lifelong passion for politics; throughout her political  
10 career, she held a variety of positions; in 1975, she served as  
11 the Supervisor of the District Office Allotment for the  
12 Illinois House of Representatives under Speaker William  
13 Redmond; in 1983, she was promoted to House Fiscal Officer by  
14 Speaker Michael Madigan; one year later, she was elected as the  
15 Menard County Democratic Chairman and served as a delegate to  
16 the state convention; and

17           WHEREAS, In 1986, Shirley McCombs was elected State Central  
18 Committeewoman and, in 1988, she received the State Democratic  
19 Party Chairman's award for her dedication to the Democratic  
20 Party; she also served as an Assistant Whip of the Illinois  
21 Delegation at the Democratic National Convention and as an  
22 elector at the Presidential Electoral College; and

1           WHEREAS, Shirley McCombs was known for her enthusiastic  
2 support for women in politics and other leadership positions;  
3 in 2016, she was able to cast an Electoral College vote for  
4 presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and regarded it as the  
5 most important event in her life; and

6           WHEREAS, Shirley McCombs volunteered for numerous state,  
7 national, and local election campaigns; she also volunteered  
8 for various community and church projects and contributed to  
9 the founding of the Menard County Tourism Council; and

10           WHEREAS, Shirley McCombs was preceded in death by her  
11 parents, Harry and Stella Derry Hunter, and her siblings, Doris  
12 Ebbing, Kenneth Hunter, Donny Hunter, Linda Moon, Harry Hunter,  
13 Charles Hunter, and Harriet K. Hunter; and

14           WHEREAS, Shirley McCombs is survived by her daughter, Robin  
15 Mathieu; her grandchildren, Vickie Mathieu and Jackie  
16 Tserpelis; three great-grandchildren; her siblings, Nelda  
17 Schisler, Susan McFarlin, Larry Hunter, Lois McCombs, and  
18 Deloris Witherall; her sisters-in-law, Phyllis Ernius, Doris  
19 Thomas, and Betty Hunter; and numerous nieces, nephews, and  
20 cousins; therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 mourn the passing of Shirley McCombs and extend our sincere  
3 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
4 her; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Shirley McCombs as an expression of  
7 our deepest sympathy.