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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 Janice
4 M. (Jamrosz) Christiansen, who passed away on March 31, 2023;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Janice Christiansen was born to Margaret
7 (Campbell) Jamrosz and Sigmund F. Jamrosz in Springfield on
8 December 19, 1943; she was a graduate of Michigan State
9 University, with a major in history and a minor in English; she
10 married John T. Christiansen in 1968, and they had two sons,
11 Spencer Lynn and Jon Michael, before he preceded her in death
12 in 1985; and

13 WHEREAS, Janice Christiansen and her husband were third
14 generation owners of the family business, FlagSource, a
15 company that produces U.S. flags, which are 100% made in the
16 U.S.A. and derived from American materials and labor; she
17 joined the firm as president in 1990, vowing to return
18 FlagSource to its former glory and to honor her husband's
19 legacy; she rebuilt the business within 5 years, all while
20 raising her two sons; as she propelled the business forward,
21 she installed the largest embroidery machine in the world to
22 embroider the starfields on U.S. flags; and

1 WHEREAS, Janice Christiansen was named the first
2 chairwoman of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association (IMA) in
3 2010; she relished the position and connected with many
4 different business and manufacturing associations to move
5 Illinois manufacturing forward; and

6 WHEREAS, Janice Christiansen had a great passion for
7 traveling and exploring the world, and she made many of these
8 journeys with her partner, Bob Bonifas; she was also a proud
9 alum of Michigan State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Janice Christiansen loved her family, and one of
11 her favorite family activities was hosting Christmas at her
12 home, which was always a big and colorful event; she will be
13 remembered for her leadership, her dedication to family and
14 the family business, and her positive and upbeat manner; and

15 WHEREAS, Janice Christiansen is survived by her sons,
16 Spencer (Jennifer) and Jon Michael (Maria); her grandchildren,
17 Spencer Jr., Nathan, and Lucas; her brother, Michael Jamrosz;
18 her nephews, Jeffrey (Jessica) and Joseph (Christine); her
19 brother-in-law, William Christiansen; her many nieces and
20 nephews; and her partner of nearly 20 years, Robert "Bob"
21 Bonifas; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Janice M. (Jamrosz) Christiansen and
3 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
4 who knew and loved her; and be it further

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