

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of Senate of the State of Illinois
3 were saddened to learn of the death of Phyllis Stepak
4 McLennon of Oak Park on March 18, 2003 at the age of 59; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. McLennon was a woman of many talents,
6 graduating from the University of Michigan in 1963, receiving
7 a master's degree in English from Wayne State University in
8 1969, and pursuing a Ph.D. in psychology from Northwestern
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. McLennon was involved in her community
11 through many of her jobs, including working as a freelance
12 editor of children's books, teaching psychology at the
13 now-closed YMCA Community College in Chicago, working for a
14 city-funded vocational program to help young Latino men earn
15 GEDs in order to become Chicago police officers, and serving
16 in several other teaching positions; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1968, Mrs. McLennon launched a small North
18 Side boutique with a start-up investment of \$200, a business
19 partner, and a store full of Ice Capades costumes that went
20 on to become the store "Presence", which operates today in
21 three locations in Chicago and Evanston; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. McLennon's passing will be deeply felt by
23 many, especially her husband, Peter McLennon, and their two
24 daughters, Sarah and Paula; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
27 Phyllis Stepak McLennon; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to the family of Phyllis Stepak McLennon as an
30 expression of our sorrow for their loss.