



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Eleanore
4 Helen Jerzak Moll in July of 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Eleanore Helen Jerzak was born on December 6,
6 1927, to Joseph and Mary Jerzak, Polish immigrants from the
7 towns of Grybow and Ufa; she was the third youngest of ten
8 children; she and her family lived on West 39th Street in
9 Chicago's Brighton Park; she was a tomboy who loved sports;
10 playing ball, roller skating, swimming, and dancing were
11 activities that Eleanore liked very much as a child; and

12 WHEREAS, She attended and graduated from Kelly High School
13 just as World War II was ending, and played volleyball as a
14 high school student; after high school she went to work at the
15 main retail store of Sears Roebuck on Arthington and Homan in
16 Chicago; and

17 WHEREAS, Eleanore and Harry married on June 20, 1953; she
18 continued her work at Sears at its River Oaks store and soon
19 Robert was born to them; Harry had his dental office at 87th
20 and Commercial, prospered, and they soon the built a beautiful
21 new home on 88th and Cornell; they were blessed with three more
22 children: Mary Ann, David, and Jennifer; later they moved to
23 another, larger new home on Yates Ave in Calumet City; and

24 WHEREAS, Harry and Eleanore's marriage was a model one;
25 this great relationship was interrupted on August 20, 1975,
26 when Harry passed away from heart surgery complications after
27 only 18 years of marriage; she raised her children lovingly on
28 her own; and

29 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moll was a real "gad-about", seldom allowing
30 her physical discomfort, caused by severe rheumatoid

1 arthritis, to deter her from her social activities; she loved
2 people; she embraced people, and she loved to joke and smile
3 and talk; her love of people was all inclusive - she was blind
4 to all superficial traits like color, religion, or political
5 affiliation; she also loved children and was very generous to
6 them with her time and her attention; she knew how to get down
7 to their level and bring a smile to their faces; she loved her
8 grandchildren with all her heart; and

9 WHEREAS, She dabbled in local politics, long ago as a
10 precinct captain, and most recently as an interested citizen;
11 she sold poppies regularly for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and
12 was known as a "Sunshine Lady", sending out greetings and "get
13 well cards" to people in the community; she frequented the
14 Italian Club where she had many friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Eleanore loved to wear hats; they were her
16 trademark; despite her many tough breaks in life, she always
17 managed to smile; nothing got her down for long and her will to
18 lift herself up and live life was extraordinary; therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we mourn the passing of Eleanore Helen Jerzak Moll, and we
23 extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who
24 knew and loved her; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
26 presented to her family as an expression of our sincerest
27 condolences.