



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ruth P. Horwich has long been a patron and  
3 supporter of the Hyde Park Art Center; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Horwich served as chairman for many years and  
5 currently serves as an honorary chair; throughout the middle  
6 1960s and the 1970s, she and renowned Chicago artist Don Baum  
7 made the Center one of Chicago's most vibrant art venues and  
8 that legacy continues today; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Horwich and her late husband, Leonard, were  
10 founding members of the Museum of Contemporary Art and served  
11 on its board of trustees; the Horwich Foundation donated the  
12 seed money for the Dubuffet sculpture at the State of Illinois  
13 Center; Mrs. Horwich has served on the Art Institute's  
14 acquisitions committee for the department of 20th-century  
15 painting and sculpture; perhaps the greatest beneficiary of her  
16 personal philanthropy has been the Hyde Park Art Center; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Horwich and her husband initially plunged  
18 into the art world in the 1950s and they built an extensive  
19 collection of art; serious collectors, by nature, usually defy  
20 the concept of restraint, and the Horwich family did so by  
21 collecting what has been called a "forest of Calder's"; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Horwich is an example of the kind of  
23 influence that art can have on both artists and collectors and  
24 the kind of symbiotic relationships that it can inspire between  
25 them; and

26 WHEREAS, The Hyde Park Art Center is naming a portion of  
27 its new home after Ruth Horwich in honor of her years of  
28 dedication to the Center; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we thank Ruth Horwich for her patronage and support of the Hyde  
3 Park Art Center and her many years of service in the arts; and  
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we congratulate Mrs. Horwich on the honor  
6 bestowed upon her by the Hyde Park Art Center in having a  
7 portion of its new home named after her; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Ruth Horwich and to the Hyde Park Art Center with  
10 our congratulations and as an expression of our respect and  
11 esteem.