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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to extend their condolences to the family  
4 and friends of Phyllis Sutker of Skokie, who passed away on  
5 November 13, 2006; and

6           WHEREAS, Phyllis Sutker was born in Chicago; she graduated  
7 from Austin High School and Wright Junior College before  
8 receiving her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in social work  
9 from the University of Chicago; she was a member of Phi Beta  
10 Kappa; and

11           WHEREAS, Mrs. Sutker met her husband Calvin during their  
12 senior year of high school, and they were married in 1946; they  
13 moved to Skokie in 1958; and

14           WHEREAS, In the 1950s, Mrs. Sutker joined NA'AMAT, which  
15 supports women's and children's issues in Israel; she went on  
16 to become its national president between 1981 and 1985; at the  
17 time of her passing she was a member of the NA'AMAT USA  
18 advisory board and of its Chicago Council; she represented the  
19 group in the Labor Zionist Movement and on committees and  
20 boards of the major Jewish organizations in Chicago; and

21           WHEREAS, Mrs. Sutker was deeply involved in the Zionist

1 movement; she was a national vice president of the American  
2 Zionist Movement and served on its Chicago region board; she  
3 also served as an elected member of the executive of the World  
4 Zionist Organization in the 1980s and 1990s and was elected as  
5 one of its honorary fellows in 1997; she was on the Board of  
6 Governors of the Jewish Agency between 1983 and 1992; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sutker was an elected member of the Executive  
8 (American Section) of the World Zionist Executive and the Board  
9 of Governors of the Jewish Agency; she was a delegate to six  
10 World Zionist Congresses; and she was a national vice president  
11 of the American Zionist Movement and on the board of the  
12 American Zionist Movement, Chicago region; and

13 WHEREAS, As national president of NA'AMAT USA, Phyllis  
14 Sutker met and worked with many Israeli officials; she was a  
15 friend of Leah Rabin, wife of former Prime Minister Yitzhak  
16 Rabin, and worked closely with former Prime Minister Shimon  
17 Peres; Uzi Narkiss, the Israeli general who liberated Jerusalem  
18 in the 1967 war, was a personal friend who came to Chicago to  
19 give the keynote address when Phyllis was honored by the Labor  
20 Zionist Alliance of Chicago (now called Ameinu) in 1997; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2005, Phyllis was honored by the Greater  
22 Chicago Council of NA'AMAT on the occasion of the  
23 organization's 80th anniversary; she and her husband, Calvin R.

1 Sutker, were honored by the American Zionist Movement in 2002;  
2 in 1996, Phyllis was elected a lifetime Honorary Fellow of the  
3 World Zionist Organization; she was honored by Israel Bonds of  
4 Chicago as a "Woman of Achievement" in 1988; and

5 WHEREAS, Phyllis Sutker was preceded in death by her son,  
6 Edward, and her brother, David; and

7 WHEREAS, Phyllis Sutker was the beloved wife of former  
8 State Representative Calvin R. Sutker; the devoted mother of  
9 Sharon Sutker McGowan (Jim McGowan), Shelley Sutker-Dermer  
10 (Kenneth Dermer), Edie Sue Sutker (fiance, David Richmond), and  
11 Allen (Karen) Sutker; the loving grandmother of Jennifer and  
12 Joshua McGowan, Elana and Jake Dermer, and Danielle, Nicole,  
13 Tommy, and Teddy Sutker; the beloved sister-in-law of Marsha  
14 Kline, Irwin (Carla) Sutker, and Ada (Beryl) Rabinowitz; the  
15 step-sister of Lloyd (Grace) Kline; and is fondly remembered by  
16 many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 mourn, along with her family and friends, the death of Phyllis  
20 Sutker; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Phyllis Sutker, as an expression of

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1 our sincere sympathy.