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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives would like to honor Glenda Fulton for the work
4 she has done for her community in the fight against
5 sarcoidosis; and

6 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is a disease involving inflammation
7 that produces tiny lumps of cells in various organs in the
8 body; the lumps are called granulomas, which are very small and
9 can be seen only with a microscope; the tiny granulomas can
10 grow and clump together, making many large and small lumps,
11 potentially affecting organ function; and

12 WHEREAS, Glenda Fulton was diagnosed with sarcoidosis in
13 1975; since her diagnosis, she has helped focus national
14 attention on this disease through her public and pro-active
15 stance toward educating others and through her public advocacy;
16 she has been on the cutting edge of research and efforts to
17 promote education and awareness about sarcoidosis; she has
18 spoken on numerous occasions and presented information on many
19 topics relevant to services and educational awareness about the
20 disease; she has been a speaker, presenter, and panelist at
21 numerous sarcoidosis conferences throughout the State and has
22 been involved in efforts to develop sarcoidosis support groups;
23 she has written grants to secure financial support for

1 sarcoidosis research and awareness issues and assisted with
2 other fundraising activities, including setting up the JSRC's
3 first Walk-A-Thon in Houston, Texas, grant initiatives, and
4 live radio shows; she submitted an abstract to the WASOG
5 Congress, which was accepted for the June 2002 meeting in
6 Stockholm, Sweden; in 1995, she founded the National
7 Sarcoidosis Society, Inc., an organization that has been very
8 successful in bringing educational awareness, services,
9 advocacy, support, and research initiatives to health care
10 providers, the public at large, elected officials, and to its
11 many networking partners, such as the African American Family
12 Research Institute and the Minority Women Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Glenda Fulton was born on September 24, 1950; she
14 received her education through the Chicago public schools; she
15 attended Drake Grammar School and Oakenwald Upper Grade School,
16 then went on to Forrestville High School and Northern Illinois
17 University; she has acquired expertise and experience in the
18 areas of Certified Nursing Technician, Medical Technician,
19 Mentor, Health Caretaker for HIV and cocaine addicted babies,
20 Rehabilitation Nursing, and Hospice; she was the Head Volunteer
21 for the Chicago Board of Education and the P.T.A. Advisory
22 Committee for Grammar, Elementary, and High Schools, as well as
23 the John Hope Community Academy and Martin Luther King High
24 School; she was a volunteer for the Northside Chicago Boys and
25 Girls Club of America; she is a surrogate parent for the

1 Department of Children and Family Services and the Board of
2 Education; she has served on several boards and committees on
3 the national, regional, State, and local levels; she assisted
4 with the passing of House Bill 2564, House Bill 2470, House
5 Bill 2479, House Bill 2480, House Bill 2485, and House Bill
6 2486; she is the Chairperson for the Regional Organ Bank of
7 Illinois (now known as the Gift of Hope); she has been a
8 volunteer for the AmeriCorp Vista Illinois Institute of
9 Technology, The National Institute of Health, the National
10 Heart Lung and Blood Institute, and the Public Interest
11 Organization; she is a member of the Chicago Center of
12 Excellence in Health Promotion Economics; she developed a task
13 force with the Chicago Department of Public Health and
14 Commissioner Terry Mason; she has acquired many accolades,
15 trophies, certificates, plaques, citations, awards, and
16 personal letters of commendation from First Proclamation on
17 Sarcoidosis in Detroit, Michigan, the National Sarcoidosis
18 Society Bernie Mac and Nike Shoe Giveaway in 2002, the
19 4Women.gov Women Day Conference 2006, and the Martin Luther
20 King Youth Program in January 2007; and

21 WHEREAS, Glenda Fulton is married to Charles E. Skillom;
22 she is the mother of three daughters, Sheree Fulton-Jackson,
23 Gernard Fulton, and Shetany's Fulton; she is the grandmother of
24 Darrius Fulton, Nada Johnson, Chanel Jackson, Sydney Jackson;
25 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 honor Glenda Fulton for her fight against sarcoidosis and wish
4 her continued health and happiness in the future; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Glenda Fulton as a symbol of our esteem and
8 respect.