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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Sarah Jane Clarke of Olive Branch, who passed away on June 28, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, She was born December 23, 1931, in Mounds, the daughter of the late John R. and Mary Agnes Travers; she was married to Peter J. Clarke and was a member of St. Patricks Catholic Church in Cairo; and

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WHEREAS, She was director of the Shawnee Development Council before her retirement; during a long and distinguished career she was also a charter board member for Illinois Ventures for Community Action, that has expanded into a multi-million dollar lending arm for businesses; she served on the Illinois Community Action Association board; she was a member of the National Leadership Commission through the Department of Labor; she was Region 5 representative to the National Association of Counties (NACO); and she was Charter President for the Illinois Employment and Training Association; and

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WHEREAS, In addition, she was a member of the National Association of Community Action Agencies; a Charter Members and

1 Past Chairman of the Illinois CETA Director's Association; an
2 original member of the SIDEZ board; a member of the original
3 Manpower board in 1969; and a member of the IMTI (Illinois
4 Management Institute); and

5 WHEREAS, Her other activities on the local level included
6 serving as past president of the Cairo Junior Woman's Club,
7 past director of the Cairo Chamber of Commerce, past director
8 of the Cairo Historical Association, past president of Xi Beta
9 Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, past chairman of the Alexander
10 County Democratic Women's Organization, captain for the
11 Mother's March on Polio and Child Defects, chairman of the
12 Korean War Memorial Fund, chairman of the Alexander Cerebral
13 Palsy Drive, secretary and organizational chairman for the Red
14 Cross Drive, serving as a leader in Brownie and Girl Scouting
15 for seven years, chairman of the Alexander County Crippled
16 Children Drive, and as a member of the President's White House
17 Conference on Youth; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Clarke was also well known for writing and
19 obtaining grants which provided the original funding for the
20 nutrition program, the Daystar nursing home, and the Southern
21 Five Regional Planning Commission; and she was the recipient of
22 the Harry Ring Outstanding Service Award; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to her parents, Mrs. Clarke was

1 preceded in death by her son, Peter J. Clarke, Jr.; and

2 WHEREAS, Sarah Jane Clarke is survived by her husband,
3 Peter J. Clarke; her three daughters, Mary Candace (Richard)
4 Keates, Linda K. (Willis) Jackson, and Sally Ann Harrington;
5 her two sons, John A. "Andy" Clarke and Judge Mark H. (Susan)
6 Clarke; her brother, Charles Travers; her ten grandchildren;
7 her four great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews,
8 other relatives, and many friends; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of Sarah
12 Jane Clarke; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Sarah Jane Clarke as a symbol of our
15 sincere sympathy.