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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Ruth Geyer Lerner, who passed away on October 16, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner was born on December 8, 1923, in Vejprty, in what is now the Czech Republic; as a child, she and her family were forced into hiding after the rise of the Nazis in Europe during World War II; after the war, she immigrated to the United States, attended medical school, and met her future husband and love of her life, Herbert Lerner; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner and her husband, both pediatricians, had their offices in Hyde Park for over 50 years, where they gained sterling reputations as skilled and generous doctors who provided free care for low-income patients; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner was committed to the civil rights and peace movements; she marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in Cicero, Selma, and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner was an accomplished artist and musician, playing guitar and singing at peace rallies; her guitar playing inspired her son to become a professional musician; and

1           WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner loved nature, arts and crafts, making  
2           homemade furniture and ornaments, and participating in  
3           numerous sports, including shot put, tennis, swimming, and  
4           racquetball; and

5           WHEREAS, Ruth Lerner is survived by her loving husband,  
6           Herbert; her sons, Claude and Peter; her daughter, Heidi; her  
7           grandchildren, Camille, Luke, Jasmine, and Matthew; her twin  
8           sister, Inge; and her many other family members and friends;  
9           therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12           we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of  
13           Ruth Geyer Lerner; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15           presented to the family of Ruth Lerner as an expression of our  
16           sympathy and gratitude.