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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 of Illinois WHEREAS, The members the House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Mary Ann 4 "Bunny" Thelen of Spring Grove, who passed away on January 27, 5 2013; and 6 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Thelen was born on Easter Sunday to Jake 7 and Tillie Stoffel; she was married to the late Vern Thelen for 8 nearly 55 years; and 9 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Thelen graduated from McHenry High School 10 in 1948; and 11 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Thelen was the founder of the Vern and 12 Bunny Thelen Family Foundation; her love of children and her 13 community inspired her to create the Thelen Family Park in Spring Grove; and 14 15 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Thelen was a member of the McHenry 16 Country Club, the Spring Valley Country Club, the Country Creek 17 Country Club, the Antioch Ladies Club, the Red Hat Society of 18 Estero, Florida, and the Women's Club of St Peter's in Spring Grove; and 19

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Thelen was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow

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- 1 and was involved in the Rotary Anns; she was a co-founder of
- 2 Lake County's Chain O' Lakes 4-H club; she operated the
- 3 Share-the-Fun Program for the 4-H Club for many years and was
- 4 able to bring the program to the Illinois State Fair; she also
- 5 helped organize the Lake County Fair Horse Show for many years
- 6 and was the operator of the Little Orchard Farm's Horse Show in
- 7 Antioch; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Thelen was an avid traveler and served as
- 9 activity director of the ForeTravel club; she visited all 50
- 10 states and more than 50 countries; she also wintered in Estero,
- 11 Florida for over 20 years; therefore, be it
- 12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 14 we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of
- 15 Mary Ann "Bunny" Thelen; and be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 17 presented to the family of Mary Ann Thelen as an expression of
- 18 our sympathy.