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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The London Towne Houses Cooperative recently  
renamed Community Building #2 at 901 East 100th Place as the  
"Ida Curtis Fisher Community Building"; and

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WHEREAS, Ida Fisher passed away on February 11, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Ida Fisher was an African-American woman, born in  
Cincinnati, Ohio in 1931; she grew up in a time when society  
repressed both women and African-Americans; she strongly  
valued education and work, becoming the first woman to pass the  
Cincinnati police officer exam; and

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WHEREAS, Ida Fisher worked as a secretary for the  
Foundation for Cooperative Housing; she eventually began  
managing the Kansas City, Missouri location and, due to her  
accomplishments there, was soon asked to travel the country to  
duplicate her success; she created thousands of cooperative  
housing units, eventually landing in Chicago, where she broke  
ground for the 800-unit London Towne Houses Cooperative; and

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WHEREAS, Ida Fisher worked as a Vice-President of the First  
Pennsylvania Bank, where she opened and managed its subsidiary  
in Chicago, Midwest Mortgage Company, and became the bank's top  
money maker in the country; she was inspired to open her own

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1 company, ICF Development; she was also the director of the  
2 National Cooperative Bank, the Independence Bank of Chicago,  
3 Indecorp (Independence and the Drexel National Bank), the  
4 National Association of Housing Cooperatives, the Midwest  
5 Association of Housing Cooperatives, Chicago's Museum of  
6 Contemporary Art, and the Joseph Holmes Dance Group; and

7 WHEREAS, Ida Fisher was the recipient of the Chicago Rising  
8 Women in Business award, the Most Success Business Women in  
9 Chicago award, and the coveted Jerry Voorhis Award from the  
10 National Association of Housing Cooperatives; and

11 WHEREAS, Ida Fisher was the wife of Herbert Fisher and the  
12 mother of 2 daughters; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 recognize the extraordinary life of Ida Curtis Fisher and  
16 support the London Towne Houses Cooperative's decision to name  
17 a building in her honor; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
19 presented to the London Towne Houses Cooperative and the family  
20 of Ida Fisher.