

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Linnea Olga Anderson, who passed
5 away on June 9, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Linnea Anderson, the daughter of Swedish
7 immigrants, was raised in Chicago, Illinois; she was the
8 beloved wife of the late Douglas B. Anderson; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson studied the organ for 10 years at
10 the American Conservatory of Music, where she was a student
11 of composer Leo Sowerby; she served as an organist at many
12 churches during her life and was a longtime member of the
13 Chicago Society of Women Organists; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson became active in the League of
15 Women Voters during the 1940s and served as president of its
16 Woodlawn chapter; her interest in politics continued and she
17 became the office manager for Hyde Park alderman Robert
18 Merriam after his election in 1947 and there she set a strong
19 standard for effective constituent service; and

20 WHEREAS, For 15 years, Mrs. Anderson was the education
21 director of the Hyde Park Cooperative Society, a supermarket
22 where she strengthened her ties to the community, recognizing
23 most shoppers by name; and during that period she organized a
24 fundraising drive that enabled the Society to staunch the
25 flow of red ink and move to new expanded quarters; and

26 WHEREAS, During her retirement, Mrs. Anderson traveled
27 the world with her husband until his death in 1986 and
28 volunteered for the University of Chicago Service League,
29 working at a resale shop through the 1980s and 1990s; she was
30 honored as one of Hyde Park's outstanding citizens during a
31 1989 centennial celebration of the neighborhood's annexation

1 by the city; and

2 WHEREAS, Linnea Anderson and her husband joined the First
3 Unitarian Church of Chicago in 1950; she served the church as
4 an occasional organist and worked on many committees; and

5 WHEREAS, Linnea Anderson's skill at the organ and piano
6 brought joy to audiences throughout her life, and her love of
7 music was central to her being; she leaves as part of her
8 legacy a devotion to musical expression among her many
9 progeny; and

10 WHEREAS, Linnea Anderson has been described as one of 39
11 pillars of Hyde Park-Kenwood, the pillars that are said to be
12 essential to the development of a strong and cohesive
13 community and, in a curious coincidence, Mrs. Anderson left
14 at her death precisely 39 descendents including her children,
15 grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great
16 grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, The passing of Linnea O. Anderson will be deeply
18 felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her children,
19 Shirley Murray, Doris (husband, Warren) Fraser, and Douglas
20 C. Anderson; her 10 grandchildren; her 21 great
21 grandchildren; and her 5 great-great grandchildren;
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we mourn, along with all who knew her, the death of Linnea O.
26 Anderson of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 presented to the family of Linnea O. Anderson with our
29 sincere condolences.