

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Susan Kmetty Catania has served with great  
3 distinction as the AARP Illinois State President, and has  
4 just concluded a two-year term, and

5 WHEREAS, Susan Catania led vigorous State legislative  
6 advocacy for seniors to prevent predatory practices in  
7 mortgage lending and payday loans and to expand prescription  
8 drug benefits, and

9 WHEREAS, Susan Catania promoted AARP's national agenda on  
10 Social Security, Medicare, public benefits and community  
11 outreach by presiding at AARP's State fair booths in both  
12 Springfield and DuQuoin, hosting the national bus tour across  
13 Illinois in the summer of 2000, which stopped in Mt. Vernon,  
14 and helping to coordinate community efforts in East St. Louis  
15 and Chicago, and

16 WHEREAS, She traveled the State tirelessly to listen to  
17 the concerns of all seniors; build AARP partnerships with  
18 business, government and community groups, and work with  
19 legislative leaders and other officials, and

20 WHEREAS, Susan Catania sought to enhance ethnic and  
21 racial diversity in AARP and strengthen, coordinate and  
22 showcase senior services and programs in communities such as  
23 Chicago's Southeast side, Joliet, Naperville, Peoria, Moline,  
24 Bloomington, and DuQuoin, and

25 WHEREAS, Susan Catania's cultural outreach, partnering  
26 with the Chicago Humanities Festival and the Museum of  
27 Broadcast Communication, and her media presence, discussing  
28 phased retirement for older workers with nationally  
29 syndicated columnist Carol Kleiman, focused the public's  
30 attention on understanding senior needs and lifestyles, and

31 WHEREAS, She advanced AARP's international outreach

1 effort by participating in the World Health Organization's  
2 summit on elder abuse, held in October, 2001, in Geneva,  
3 Switzerland, and establishing a WHO connection for AARP, and

4 WHEREAS, Susan Catania's leadership of AARP was a  
5 continuation of her strong dedication and unflinching courage  
6 shown during her ten-year service (1973-1983) as a legislator  
7 from Chicago's south side and the Chair of the Illinois  
8 Commission on the Status of Women, and

9 WHEREAS, Susan Catania's leadership of AARP and her  
10 concern for, interest in, and unwavering advocacy on behalf  
11 of seniors wherever they live in her persistent quest to  
12 improve the quality their lives, not to mention her legendary  
13 wit and humor, are well known, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we thank Susan Kmetty Catania for her inspired, dedicated,  
17 and dynamic advocacy, congratulate her on her many  
18 accomplishments on behalf of all Illinois citizens, and wish  
19 her well in all future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Susan Kmetty Catania as an expression of our  
22 esteem.