

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to extend our sincere condolences to the
4 family and friends of Beatrice K. Pounian, who passed away on
5 May 16, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Beatrice K. Pounian was an activist and
7 fundraiser for the McCormick Boys and Girls Club in Uptown
8 for more than 30 years who also worked as a music producer in
9 Chicago television; and

10 WHEREAS, Born on Chicago's Northwest Side, Mrs. Pounian
11 graduated from Steinmetz High School in the 1940s and took a
12 job in the music library at NBC; soon she became a music
13 producer for such Chicago programs as "Garroway at Large",
14 "Kukla, Fran and Ollie", and shows starring her lifelong
15 friend, Studs Terkel; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1950 Beatrice married Charles "Arch" Pounian,
17 who was city personnel director under four Chicago mayors,
18 beginning with Mayor Richard J. Daley in 1960; and

19 WHEREAS, From almost the day she moved to Uptown in the
20 late 1950s, Mrs. Pounian worked with the local Boys and Girls
21 Club as a way to make a difference in her community and give
22 local children access to the arts; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pounian was president of the club's Women's
24 Auxiliary for 25 years and was on its board of directors; she
25 started neighborhood dental and eye-care clinics for children
26 and set up college scholarships; for 30 years, she also
27 organized the annual fashion show, a major club fundraiser;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The passing of Beatrice K. Pounian will be
30 deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her
31 husband, Charles "Arch" Pounian; her daughter, Lynn (Larz)

1 Anderson; her son, Steven Pounian; and her sisters, Theresa
2 (Harry) Kelch and Veronica (Eric) Errichson; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we mourn, along with all who knew her, the death of Beatrice
6 K. Pounian of Chicago; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Beatrice K. Pounian with our
9 sincere condolences.