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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Donna Ruth Kuhlman of Savoy, who passed away on December 19, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Donna Kuhlman was born in Galesburg to Floyd and Doris Walker on June 2, 1938 and raised on a farm in Knox County; growing up, she was active in 4-H and won numerous county and state awards for sewing and cooking; she was awarded the 4-H Key Club Award for her outstanding projects and activities; she graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and married Don Kuhlman in Galva on June 24, 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Donna Kuhlman was employed as an Assistant Home Adviser in Adams County by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service; she taught high school in Gillespie from 1961 to 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Donna Kuhlman was an excellent cook and seamstress and judged sewing projects at the Illinois State Fair for several years; she also collected cookbooks and thousands of recipes and enjoyed preparing many delicious meals for her family and friends; she was outgoing and enjoyed helping others; she was an avid Illini football and basketball fan; she

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1 and Don had season tickets for 50 years and traveled to
2 football games in every Big 10 football stadium; and

3 WHEREAS, Donna Kuhlman was a member of the First
4 Presbyterian Church of Champaign; she served as a
5 Congregational Care Deacon and was a member of the Circle of
6 Joy, Prayer Ministry Team, and Pakistan Study Group; she served
7 as a 4-H Club leader in Montgomery County and a Cub Scout
8 leader in Champaign; she was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority,
9 where she served as an officer; she was a member of the
10 Champaign-Urbana Home Economists, where she served as
11 treasurer from 2003 to 2006; she was also a member of the
12 Women's Club at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;
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14 WHEREAS, Donna Kuhlman enjoyed flowers and birds,
15 especially cardinals; at various times, she had six to eight
16 different types of bird feeders, including one that she
17 fashioned herself that was very effective in protecting seed
18 and birds from predators; and

19 WHEREAS, Donna Kuhlman accompanied her husband to
20 Peshawar, Pakistan from 1992 to 1994, where Don worked on a
21 project funded by USAID; she enjoyed living in Pakistan and
22 made many Pakistani friends; she and Don enjoyed traveling to
23 Egypt, India, Thailand, China, Eastern Europe, Europe, Africa,

1 and throughout the U.S.; and

2 WHEREAS, Donna Kuhlman and Don celebrated her 70th birthday
3 on June 2nd on a cruise to Alaska; while in Alaska, they flew
4 in a ski plane around Mt. McKinley and landed on Ruth Glacier;
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6 WHEREAS, Donna Kuhlman was preceded in death by her
7 parents; and

8 WHEREAS, Donna Kuhlman is survived by her sons, David and
9 Daniel Kuhlman, and numerous cousins; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Donna Ruth Kuhlman, and extend our sincere condolences to her
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Donna Kuhlman as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.