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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 Mary Diane Seibel Cronin on September 8, 2018 at the age of 89; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Cronin was born on May 9, 1929 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and attended St. Catherine University in St. Paul, where she graduated valedictorian of her class; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Cronin loved to act; she fell in love with the stage at the age of 19 in her first professional role at The Old Log Theater in Excelsior, Minnesota; she and her husband at the time, James Cronin, founded The Village Players, an Oak Park theater company; known by the stage name Mary Seibel, she was a proud union member of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, the Actors' Equity Association, and the Screen Actors Guild, serving as an advocate and as the fifth national vice president of SAG; for her service to SAG, she received the prestigious Howard Keel Award, the highest honor given by the SAG-AFTRA Committee of Locals; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Cronin had roles in Robert Altman's "A Wedding", "The Package", "Major League", "Men Don't Leave", and

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1 "Raising Arizona"; television credits included "The
2 Untouchables", "Crime Story", "Murder Ordained", "Good Night
3 Sweet Wife", and "Deep Secrets"; she also performed in theaters
4 throughout the country, most notably at Goodman Theatre,
5 Victory Gardens Theatre, and Steppenwolf Theatre; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Cronin was never happier than when she was in
7 a show, digging up weeds in her garden in Lansing, Iowa, or on
8 a boat in Minnesota with her sons on the first day of fishing
9 season; she was famous for arriving at any family gathering
10 with a large ham in the back seat; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Cronin will be remembered for her glorious,
12 passionate, beautiful life and also for singing at the top of
13 her lungs in the basement of the house in Oak Park, for
14 welcoming all to dinner, and for long zealous political
15 conversations around the kitchen table with a bottomless cup of
16 coffee; and

17 WHEREAS, Mary Cronin was the loving mother of Brian, Colin,
18 Sean, Dennis, Kathryn, Michael, and Margaret; the beloved
19 sister of Nancy Culligan and Dorothy "Sunny" Seibel and Dr.
20 Michael Seibel; she lives on in the spirit of her 11
21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Mary Diane Seibel Cronin and extend our sincere condolences to
3 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Mary Cronin as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.