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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 Gloria Anne Kittell Hannas on December 18, 2018 at the age of 91; and

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WHEREAS, Gloria Hannas was born on May 22, 1927 in Newark, New Jersey to Noel E. and Virgiline Kittell; and

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WHEREAS, Gloria Hannas graduated from Woodbridge High School and attended Indiana University, where she graduated with a B.A. in 1949; she worked for J. Walter Thompson and earned her M.A. at Northwestern University in 1972; she earned a teacher's certificate and began a 20-year career as a high school French teacher at Riverside Brookfield High School, Thornton Township, and later Thornwood High School; during her retirement, she became a private French consultant and tutor for students and for adults going abroad; she was also a passionate volunteer advocate for people she felt were in need of support and freedom; and

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WHEREAS, In 1950, Gloria Hannas married Warren F. Hannas and lived in La Grange for 60 years; and

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WHEREAS, Gloria Hannas served as a commissioner from First Presbyterian Church of La Grange at the meetings of the Chicago

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1 Presbytery; she worked with the Chicago Presbytery's Middle
2 East Task Force and Peacemaking Mission Team and advocated for
3 justice in Central and South America; and

4 WHEREAS, Gloria Hannas was a progressive who spoke out for
5 social justice and world peace and was greatly admired for her
6 dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to work for peace and
7 justice; she received a Humanitarian Award from the La Grange
8 NAACP; and

9 WHEREAS, Gloria Hannas moved to Oak Park to an apartment in
10 the Oak Park Arms in 2010 to live in a community where
11 integrated housing was desired and where people practiced
12 inclusion; she was active with the Oak Park Arms' Readers
13 Theater and its book club; and

14 WHEREAS, Gloria Hannas became an active member of First
15 United Church of Oak Park, where she attended Sunday morning
16 adult education seminars and weekly Bible studies on a variety
17 of topics; she was on the church's Faith in Action Committee;
18 in addition, she tutored elementary children as part of her
19 church's Cluster tutoring program for inner city youth; and

20 WHEREAS, Once she needed assistance, Gloria Hannas moved to
21 Overland Park, Kansas to be near family in 2017; she faithfully
22 attended Village Presbyterian Church as long as she was able;

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2 WHEREAS, Gloria Hannas loved cats her entire life and had
3 the pleasure of having two snowshoe cats, Lili and Sasha most
4 recently, and Minou before them; and

5 WHEREAS, Gloria Hannas is survived by her children, Barbara
6 (Hannas) Johnson and Stuart Hannas; her grandchildren, Sarah
7 Payne and Chris Payne; her great-grandchildren; her niece,
8 Cindy (Hannas) D'Esterre; and her nephews, Scott Hannas, Steve
9 Hannas, and Craig Hannas; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Gloria Anne Kittell Hannas and extend our sincere condolences
13 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
14 it further

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