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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 Lynn Borchardt of Ludlow, who passed away on October 18, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Borchardt was born in Oconto, Wisconsin to Clifford and Rosemary (Fabry) Rafoth on November 17, 1935; she graduated from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where she majored in education; she received a master's degree in counseling and an administrative degree from Eastern University; she married Robert Edward Borchardt in Wausau, Wisconsin on June 19, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Borchardt taught kindergarten in South Dakota and at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota; she taught English in Turkey and then kindergarten again in Wichita, Kansas; she retired after over 30 years of teaching social studies at the junior high level and continued to sub at Thomasboro; she also could be found working at Swindford's Lottery Store, selling winning tickets; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Borchardt was affectionately known as "Mrs. B"; she coached girls basketball, track, and softball; she enjoyed spending time with her family and loved to watch her son, Jon, and grandson, Josh, golf; after she retired from

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1 teaching, she continued to help Jackie with various school  
2 activities; she had a green thumb, which resulted in beautiful  
3 flower gardens; she loved to follow her Wisconsin Badgers and  
4 Green Bay Packers; her ability to relate to everyone she met  
5 was truly a gift; she always looked for the good in everyone,  
6 and, once she met someone, she never forgot them; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Borchardt was preceded in death by her  
8 husband, Robert; her parents; and her brother, John Douglas  
9 Rafoth; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Borchardt is survived by her children, Jackie  
11 and Jon Borchardt; her sister, Jan (Len) Meissen; and her  
12 grandson, Joshua Borchardt; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 Mary Lynn Borchardt and extend our sincere condolences to her  
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Mary Borchardt as an expression of  
20 our deepest sympathy.