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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 Jean A. Herbst of Joliet, who passed away on August 8, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Herbst was born in Joliet to Martin and Anna (Buchar) Juricic on December 28, 1935; she attended St. Joseph Grade School; she graduated from St. Francis Academy in 1953; she married Gerald "Jerry" Herbst at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Joliet on November 13, 1954, and he preceded her in death in 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Herbst was a dedicated employee of the Ordinance Ammunition Command (OAC), the Argonne National Laboratory, the College of St. Francis, and the Burr Oak Library System; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Herbst was extremely generous in sharing her time, talents, and treasures; while raising her own children, she was an integral member of the Troy Grade School and Joliet West High School band programs, and she served as the secretary and uniform manager for the latter; she spent countless hours crocheting hats for service men and women, which were distributed through Operation Care Package; she also made baby blankets, which were donated to Birthright; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jean Herbst was deeply committed to her faith, and
2 she was very active in the church community; she was a member
3 of the St. Agnes Sodality and the Blessed Virgin Mary Society
4 at St. Joseph Parish, the Sacred Heart League at St. John the
5 Baptist Parish, the Council of Catholic Women, the Junior
6 Catholic Women's League, and KSKJ - St. Genevieve Lodge #108;
7 she served in a number of leadership positions, including
8 treasurer of the Slovenian Union of America (formerly Slovenian
9 Women's Union of America) and chairperson of the respect for
10 life and the vocation committees of St. Ambrose Parish; she was
11 honored as Woman of the Year by the Council of Catholic Women
12 in 2002 and by the Slovenian Union of America in 2006; and

13 WHEREAS, Alongside her husband, Jean Herbst was an active
14 participant of the Organ Transplant Support Group (OTS) in
15 Naperville and spent numerous hours volunteering at the
16 Illinois Driver's License Facility; they were honored with the
17 Presidential Award from OTS for their contributions in
18 promoting organ donation and organ donor awareness in the
19 community in 2004; and

20 WHEREAS, Jean Herbst was known for her affable personality,
21 her kindness, her gentleness, and her gift of conversation; she
22 enjoyed gardening and watching the wildlife in her yard; she
23 will be remembered for being a devoted wife, mother, and

1 grandmother; and

2 WHEREAS, Jean Herbst was preceded in death by her husband
3 of 60 years, Gerald R. "Jerry" Herbst; her parents; her sister,
4 Joyce (late Richard) Korst; her nephew, Alan Kopta; her
5 father-in-law and mother-in-law, Alois and Marie (Welter)
6 Herbst; and her numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

7 WHEREAS, Jean Herbst is survived by her children, Rev.
8 Robert M. Herbst, Rita (Herbst) Bottomley, and Renee Herbst;
9 her granddaughter, Elaine Bottomley; her godchildren, Marilyn
10 Boucher, Jerry Buchar, Tiffany McEachern, and Timothy Human;
11 and her numerous family members and friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Jean A. Herbst and extend our sincere condolences to her
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Jean Herbst as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.