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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Cinthia Dianne "Cindy" Smith, who passed away on February 23, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Cindy Smith was born to Kathlyne (Huntley) Clanton and Ronald Dean Clanton in Greenville, South Carolina on January 18, 1957; she and her family moved to Decatur, Illinois in 1973, where she graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1975; she married James Gregg "Jim" Smith at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur on May 27, 1978, and they moved to Niantic in 1994; and

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WHEREAS, Cindy Smith worked as a dedicated and compassionate nurse for 43 years; she began her career as a candy striper at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, where she worked in many departments over the years; during her tenure, she especially enjoyed serving in the Recovery Department and Surgery Center; later, she worked for numerous doctors' offices throughout Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, Cindy Smith was a member of the Niantic Christian Church, and she served as treasurer of the Niantic Village Board for more than 20 years; and

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1 WHEREAS, Cindy Smith enjoyed bowling, waterskiing on Lake
2 Decatur, practicing yoga, and spending time with friends and
3 family; she kept a beautiful yard and especially enjoyed
4 tending to her flowers and houseplants in retirement; she
5 shared a special bond with animals, including family pets, the
6 birds by her kitchen window, and several stray cats who
7 regularly visited her; and

8 WHEREAS, Cindy Smith was a devoted mother to her sons,
9 traveling all over Central Illinois to support their
10 involvement in Boy Scouts and Niantic High School athletics,
11 and a deeply cherished grandmother; she will be remembered for
12 her compassion, acceptance, and patience; and

13 WHEREAS, Cindy Smith was preceded in death by her parents;
14 her parents-in-law; and her grandson, Vincent Wayne; and

15 WHEREAS, Cindy Smith is survived by her husband of 47
16 years, James; her siblings, Lesa (Clanton) Crane, Brian (Marla
17 Opperman) Clanton, and Rodney (Dawn Smith) Clanton; her aunt,
18 Ruthmary Kirby Kiler; her sons, Ashley (Abby Kelly) Smith and
19 Griffin (Brandy Sparks) Smith; four granddaughters; and many
20 cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Cinthia Dianne "Cindy" Smith and
3 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
4 who knew and loved her; and be it further

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