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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Delores Showalter, who passed away on February 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Delores Showalter, the daughter of Frank and Dortha (Geer) Showalter, was born on July 8, 1944; she lived most of her life in Fancy Prairie before moving to Sherman; and

WHEREAS, Delores Showalter worked for the State of Illinois for 35 years, serving in key leadership roles in four state agencies and advocating passionately for women in state government; and

WHEREAS, Following a distinguished career with the State of Illinois, Delores Showalter continued making a difference for families at the Hope Institute for Children and Families in Springfield, where she served as chief human resources officer from 2003 until her retirement in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Delores Showalter was instrumental in shaping the Hope Institute as it is known today by helping build Hope School's ten-year strategic plan and strengthening human resources infrastructure at a critical time of growth, helping to more fully realize the Hope Institute's mission on behalf

1 of unique learners and special needs families; and

2 WHEREAS, Delores Showalter loved playing cards, sewing,  
3 and cross stitching in her free time, but she loved the company  
4 of family most of all; and

5 WHEREAS, Delores Showalter's life and work serve as  
6 powerful examples of how people who live in love and radiate  
7 compassion can touch countless lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Delores Showalter is survived by her sisters,  
9 Gail (David) Copi, Sharon (Steve) Mitts, and Diane (Bill)  
10 Hipshire; three nieces and six nephews; 11 great-nieces; and  
11 one great-great-nephew and two great-great-nieces; therefore,  
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we mourn the passing of Delores Showalter and extend our  
16 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
17 and loved her; and be it further

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