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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 Joan Cavaness (Graves) Edwards of Anna, who passed away on December 20, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Edwards was born to Joe M. and Lena Mae (Cavaness) Graves in Mounds on September 3, 1929; she was a resident of Southern Illinois for all of her life, moving to Anna when she was two years old; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Edwards worked as an licensed practical nurse (LPN) administrator at Choate Mental Health as well as a dietary and purchasing agent for Head Start; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Edwards was a community servant of the highest caliber and always an outspoken advocate for Union County; as a hospital board member for 25 years, her proudest achievement was having the heliport at Union County Hospital named after her due to her efforts in securing it; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Edwards was a member of Mount Moriah Lutheran Church and several other organizations, including the Daughters of the Union Veterans and the Masonic Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, where she held the honor of Past Worthy High Priestess; she was also a Kentucky Colonel of the

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1 Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, a commission of  
2 distinction that can only be given by the Governor of the  
3 Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

4 WHEREAS, Joan Edwards will be remembered as the  
5 "Queen-Mom" of her local Red Hat Society; and

6 WHEREAS, Joan Edwards was preceded in death by her  
7 parents; her son, Major Louis Joe Wohlwend; her granddaughter,  
8 Jackie Edwards; and one great-grandson; and

9 WHEREAS, Joan Edwards is survived by her sons, Quinn  
10 Edwards and Jason Edwards; her daughters-in-law, Holly  
11 Wohlwend and Katie Edwards; her stepdaughter, Mary Lenigk;  
12 five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; therefore,  
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14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Joan Cavaness (Graves) Edwards and extend our sincere  
17 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
18 her; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Joan Edwards as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.