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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Esther Irene Bruns Kinner, who passed
4 away on January 25, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Esther Kinner was born to Lawrence Fredrick and
6 Mayme (Klokkenga) Bruns on March 19, 1948; at age 16, she began
7 a 50-plus year career in the competitive events office during
8 the Illinois State Fair; she graduated from San Jose High
9 School; she received a bachelor's degree in education from
10 Illinois State University and a master's degree from Saint
11 Xavier University; she married William David "Bill" Kinner on
12 November 17, 2024; and

13 WHEREAS, Esther Kinner began teaching music at the
14 elementary schools in Pleasant Plains School District #8 in
15 1970, retiring in 2005; she continued to provide piano lessons
16 after retirement; and

17 WHEREAS, Esther Kinner was a member and elder of
18 Farmingdale Presbyterian Church and the Women's Ruth Circle;
19 she was an active member of the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and
20 Kappa Delta Omega; and

21 WHEREAS, Esther Kinner was an avid attendee of the

1 Springfield Symphony; and

2 WHEREAS, Esther Kinner was preceded in death by her
3 parents; her sister, Carol; and her niece, Trudi; and

4 WHEREAS, Esther Kinner is survived by her husband, Bill;
5 her sister, Faye (Bill Lawson) Bruns; her "adopted" sister,
6 Patty Taylor; her stepdaughters, Kristine (fiance, Sheldon
7 Fairfield) Clemens and Dawn (John) Weatherford; four
8 step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandsons; her
9 sister-in-law, Carol (Bob) Pappas; her brothers-in-law, Rick
10 (Mary) Kinner and Tim (Cynde) Kinner; and several nieces,
11 nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Esther Irene Bruns Kinner and extend our sincere condolences
15 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Esther Kinner as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.