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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Deanna "Dee" Dean Funk, who passed  
4 away on January 25, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Deanna Funk was born to John Lewis Dean and Faye  
6 Jenny Winslow Dean in Akron, Ohio on March 21, 1939; she  
7 received her Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology from  
8 Northwestern University in 1961; she married Donald Hay Funk,  
9 and they eventually moved to Springfield; and

10 WHEREAS, Deanna Funk was a devoted housewife and mother of  
11 two who opened her own art business, specializing in  
12 needlepoint, embroidery, fabric dyeing, and various other  
13 artistic techniques; she traveled to showcase her work,  
14 passionately sharing her techniques and insights with others,  
15 always eager to inspire those who wanted to learn; and

16 WHEREAS, Deanna Funk was a member of the Westminster  
17 Presbyterian Church; she was also a member of the Junior  
18 League, the Anti-Rust Club, Questers, the Abraham Lincoln  
19 Association, and the Embroiders Guild of America; she was a  
20 longstanding member of the Springfield Art Association, where  
21 she dedicated her time to volunteering due to being driven by  
22 her passion for artwork and her desire to inspire others; and

1       WHEREAS, Deanna Funk considered being a grandmother her  
2       greatest accomplishment, and she was affectionately known as  
3       "Nana"; she always made it a priority to be there for her  
4       family; and

5       WHEREAS, Deanna Funk had many passion projects and hobbies  
6       that she taught and passed down to her grandchildren,  
7       including art and genealogy; and

8       WHEREAS, Deanna Funk was preceded in death by her parents;  
9       her husband of 61 years, Donald; and her brother, John  
10      Franklin Dean; and

11      WHEREAS, Deanna Funk is survived by her children, Anne  
12      Funk and Donald (Layna) Funk; two granddaughters; her niece  
13      and nephew, Michelle (Michael Borenstein) and John Dean; her  
14      sister-in-law, Jeanne Dean; and many grandnieces and  
15      grandnephews; therefore, be it

16      RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
17      ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18      Deanna "Dee" Dean Funk and extend our sincere condolences to  
19      her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
20      further

1       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2       presented to the family of Deanna Funk as an expression of our  
3       deepest sympathy.