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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Sharon Rose Anne (Smith) Johnson of Springfield, who passed away on February 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Johnson was born to William H. and Betty Rose (Davis) Smith in Springfield on November 14, 1948; she graduated from Springfield High School in 1967 and attended Lincoln Land Community College; she married Van Johnson on January 3, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Johnson worked as a financial supervisor at First National Bank for more than 30 years, followed by 12 years of service at Springfield Public Schools District 186; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Johnson loved going to the movies and celebrating Christmas; she enjoyed playing and watching sporting events, often traveling to attend St. Louis Cardinals games; she received her greatest happiness by being with her family, and she enjoyed spending every possible moment she could with them; she and her husband always tried to attend every event involving their grandchildren or other family members; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Sharon Johnson was a sweet, compassionate, and
- 2 kind person with a huge heart; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Sharon Johnson was preceded in death by her
- 4 parents; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Sharon Johnson is survived by her husband of 27
- 6 years, Van; her daughter, Carla (Dan) Fitzgerald; four
- 7 grandchildren; one great-grandson; her brother, Hal (Meg)
- 8 Smith; her stepdaughters, Gina (Jim) House and Melissa (Pat)
- 9 Murphy; five step-grandchildren; her niece and nephew,
- 10 Elizabeth (Nicholas) Lucin and David (Becky) Reid; one
- 11 great-niece; and her chosen brother, Richard Garcia;
- 12 therefore, be it
- 13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 15 Sharon Rose Anne (Smith) Johnson and extend our sincere
- 16 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
- 17 her; and be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 19 presented to the family of Sharon Johnson as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.