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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Patricia Ann "Patty" Stremsterfer of
4 Pleasant Plains, who passed away on February 23, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Patty Stremsterfer was born in Springfield to
6 Harry and Ruth (Fetzer) Hartmann on January 23, 1932; she
7 graduated as valedictorian from Pleasant Plains High School in
8 1950; she married Harold Stremsterfer in Pleasant Plains on
9 December 2, 1951; and

10 WHEREAS, Patty Stremsterfer worked for Franklin Life
11 Insurance until her marriage; her part-time and seasonal
12 employments included her parents's business, Hartmann's
13 Grocery Store, So-Fro Fabrics, and Richland Elevator, but her
14 full-time job was being a farmer's wife; and

15 WHEREAS, Patty Stremsterfer's community involvement was
16 her passion; she volunteered for over 40 years at Memorial
17 Medical Center, first with the gift cart and later as the
18 cardiac waiting room receptionist; twice a month she gave
19 manicures at the Walker Nursing Home in Virginia and enjoyed
20 the company of the residents; she shared her sewing knowledge
21 by teaching children at the local library; she also served as
22 an election judge; and

1 WHEREAS, Patty Stremsterfer was awarded the 2017
2 Distinguished Volunteer Award and the 2018 Good as Gold Award
3 for her work with Memorial Hospital's volunteer program and
4 was honored as the parade marshal for the Pleasant Plains High
5 School Homecoming in 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, Patty Stremsterfer was a member of the Peter
7 Cartwright United Methodist Church for 70 years until she
8 began attending Richland Creek Baptist Church in rural
9 Pleasant Plains; she was a member of the Pleasant Plains
10 Community Club for more than 40 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Patty Stremsterfer treasured her abundance of
12 friends; she enjoyed sewing, handiwork, baking, bowling, golf,
13 and traveling; and

14 WHEREAS, Patty Stremsterfer was preceded in death by her
15 husband, Harold; her parents; her youngest child, June, and
16 her husband, Pat McDonough; and her sister, Mary Kay Schmidt;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Patty Stremsterfer is survived by her daughter,
19 Ann (Greg) Reiterman and their children, Ken Reiterman,
20 Jennifer (Kevin) Knoop, and Katrina, Shane, and Justin
21 Reiterman; her son, Norman (Michele) Stremsterfer and their

1 children, Lee (Stacy) Stremsterfer, Lindi (Scott) Kocher,
2 Travis (Mary) Stremsterfer, Bridget Stremsterfer, and Wade
3 (Elly) Stremsterfer; June's children, Brian (Stephanie) Hays,
4 Geoffrey Hays, and Tracy (Matt) Simpkins; Pat's daughter,
5 Mandi (Chris) Elder; 14 grandchildren; many
6 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and
7 several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Patricia Ann "Patty" Stremsterfer and extend our sincere
11 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
12 her; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Patty Stremsterfer as an expression
15 of our deepest sympathy.