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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Lynn Ann Galuska Elsen, who passed
4 away on May 21, 2025 at the age of 68; and

5 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen was born to Raymond and Stella
6 Galuska in Chicago in 1956; she was the third eldest of four
7 children, growing up with her siblings, Raymond (Connee)
8 Galuska, Denise (Paul) Rexroat, and Ellen (Robert) Paulson;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen spent her childhood in St.
11 Catherine of Alexandria Parish of Oak Lawn, and she was
12 educated at Mount Assisi High School; and

13 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen continued her education at the
14 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she received
15 her nursing degree and met her husband, Michael; and

16 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen became a high-risk OB nurse at
17 Prentice Hospital in Chicago in 1980, and she committed the
18 next 40 years of her career to caring for and supporting women
19 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital; and

20 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen decided to take the night

1 shifts while her husband would take the day shifts so their
2 children could spend as much time as possible with their
3 parents; and

4 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen and her husband moved to Oak
5 Park in 1981; and

6 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen was an active participant in
7 the Oak Park community, and she attended St. Catherine-St.
8 Lucy's Church every week while being a key member of the choir;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen was a founding member and
11 trustee for the West Suburban Special Recreation Association;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen co-founded Together In the
14 Loss of a Child (TLC), a program designed to support grieving
15 mothers who have lost their children, which she led for over 20
16 years at Northwestern Memorial Hospital; and

17 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen received the Nora Cooney Mara
18 Compassionate Care Award in 2020 for her extraordinary level
19 of care, and she continued to offer consistent support,
20 friendship, and empathy to her colleagues and patients; and

1 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen and her husband treasured
2 their simple, joyful life, marking their anniversaries with
3 trips to Door County, where they camped or stayed in cozy
4 bed-and-breakfasts and enjoyed their favorite cherry pie at
5 local fish boils; and

6 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen and her husband were a perfect
7 pair, especially on the dance floor, where he would spin her
8 around as if they were the only two in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen was a devoted reader and
10 knitter; she enjoyed cheering with her sons for Chicago sports
11 teams, most frequently the Cubs and the Bears; and

12 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen cherished her time with her
13 grandchildren and revered her many lifelong friendships; and

14 WHEREAS, Lynn Galuska Elsen is survived by her husband,
15 Michael; her children, Katharine (Patrick) Klette, Michael
16 (Beth) Elsen, and Ian Elsen; and her grandchildren, Lydia,
17 Wesley, Arabella, Maeve, Theo, and Hugh; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Lynn Ann Galuska Elsen and extend our sincere condolences to
21 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Lynn Galuska Elsen as an expression
4 of our deepest sympathy.