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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Jacqueline Jean "J.J." Frank of Peoria, who passed away on October 28, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, J.J. Frank was born to Richard Schonfeld Frank and Martha Topping Frank in Peoria on August 6, 1952; she attended Hines Grade School and graduated from Richwoods High School; she received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Northern Illinois University in 1974, and she later obtained an associate's degree in nursing from Illinois Central College in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, J.J. Frank worked for the American Red Cross for many years, leading disaster relief efforts as director of safety services in Kankakee before serving as executive director in Flint, Michigan, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota; after returning to Peoria, she continued caring for others as a registered nurse at Carle Health Methodist Hospital, Youth Farm Inc., and the Children's Home Association of Illinois; she also shared her expertise as an instructor at Illinois Central College's School of Nursing; and

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WHEREAS, J.J. Frank was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she volunteered for the church pantry

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1 fundraising sale and completed the Education for Ministry
2 program; she served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross
3 for more than 50 years, and she was also active with the YWCA
4 and Girl Scouts of America; and

5 WHEREAS, J.J. Frank loved her family, and she cared deeply
6 for animals; she was known for celebrating every occasion with
7 enthusiasm and flair, turning any holiday gathering into a
8 costume party with her collection of festive hats and
9 headwear; and

10 WHEREAS, J.J. Frank approached everything she did with
11 empathy and a steadfast desire to make her corner of the world
12 better; she will be remembered for her kindness, loyalty, and
13 adventurous spirit; and

14 WHEREAS, J.J. Frank is survived by her sisters, Kathy
15 (Robert) Hand and Connie Frank; three nieces; three
16 grandnephews; and one grandniece; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Jacqueline Jean "J.J." Frank and extend our sincere
20 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
21 her; and be it further

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