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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 Karen "Kay" Walton of Chatham, who passed away on November 27, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Kay Walton, the daughter of Franklin "Teen" and Mary Ruth (Goff) Hall, was born in Jacksonville on September 28, 1944; while being raised in Versailles, she attended Brown County High School in Mount Sterling; she married Ronald "Ronnie" Walton in 1964, and he preceded her in death in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Kay Walton, after the passing of her husband, focused all of her attention on her children and grandchildren, and she played an integral role in the upbringing of some of her grandchildren; she became known as "Kay Kay" to her great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Kay Walton cherished taking outings to Southern Illinois and watching her youngest grandchildren's numerous athletic activities and events; she also enjoyed taking many trips to Oregon and loved being with family at Cannon Beach on the Oregon coast; and

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WHEREAS, Kay Walton will be remembered for her fierce

1 loyalty and dedication to her family; and

2 WHEREAS, Kay Walton is survived by her children, Todd  
3 (Molly) Walton, Robin Dougherty, and Troy (Anne) Walton; seven  
4 granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; her sisters, Patricia  
5 (Raymond) Garthaus and Vicky (the late Tom) Magro; and  
6 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

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

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Kay Walton as an expression of our  
14 deepest sympathy.