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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 Joyce Diebel of Des Plaines, who passed away on January 27, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce Diebel was born in Chicago on January 5, 1926; she graduated from Lindbloom High School; she attended Northwestern University; she married Johnny C. Diebel at Hope Lutheran Church in Chicago in 1957, and they purchased a home in Des Plaines in 1961; at the age of 54, she returned to college and graduated from DePaul University; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce Diebel initially worked as executive secretary to the treasurer of Ryerson Steel; after her three children were in school, she began a career in journalism with the Des Plaines Suburban Times, where she was eventually promoted to editor; at the age of 61, she became managing editor of the Des Plaines Publishing Co.'s six suburban and two Chicago weekly newspapers, making her the first and only woman to hold that position in the company's 100-year history; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce Diebel was very involved in her local community, serving on the boards of the United Way, the Des Plaines Historical Society, and the Trinity Lutheran Church

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1 Council; she also served as president of Trinity's Women of
2 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) and the
3 Waycinden Women's Club; and

4 WHEREAS, Joyce Diebel's greatest happiness came from
5 spending time with her family; and

6 WHEREAS, Joyce Diebel was preceded in death by her
7 husband; and

8 WHEREAS, Joyce Diebel is survived by her children, Joy
9 (Hal) Lambert, Paul (Shannon) Diebel, and John (Tanya) Diebel;
10 five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; therefore, be
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12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Joyce Diebel and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
15 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Joyce Diebel as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.