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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 Betsy Jones, who passed away on March 1, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Jones was a renowned early childhood string educator and State of Illinois Master Teacher; she worked as the orchestra teacher at Peoria High School and the conductor of one of the Central Illinois Youth Symphony Orchestras; she also served as the principal of the Peoria Symphony second violin section for more than 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Jones devoted her life to nurturing young musicians; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Jones is survived by her husband, David Jones; her children, Lindsay Serdar, Dr. Kate Jones, Ben Jones, Michael Jones, and Eric Rupp; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Betsy Jones and extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

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