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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 Margaret Elizabeth "Maggie" Johnson Martin of Watseka, who passed away on October 21, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Maggie Martin was born in Bay City, Michigan to Mercedes (McMullen) and J. Lennart Johnson on July 12, 1941; she attended the University of Michigan and earned her Master of Music in Piano Performance; she married Richard "Dick" Martin at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago on August 18, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Maggie Martin was an accomplished pianist and also played the violin and cello; early in her career, she taught at both the Interlochen School of Performing Arts and Central Michigan University; she then moved to Chicago and started her own company, where she sold computers; in 1989, she became the General Manager of WGFA Radio; she took the station to the full 50,000 watts it is today and made several positive improvements; and

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WHEREAS, Maggie Martin was named Chicago Businesswoman of the Year in the late 1960s; in the early 1980s, she, along with other leading women in the community, began the Iroquois Arts and Education Council to bring string, vocal, and piano lessons

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1 to the community; she served as Chairperson of the Iroquois  
2 Memorial Hospital (IMH) Development Council from 1991 until  
3 2006; she served on the IMH Board of Trustees from 2003 until  
4 2014; she was also on the Board of Governors at the County Club  
5 of Florida in Boynton Beach, Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, Maggie Martin enjoyed tennis and snow skiing; she  
7 also picked up the game of golf and had six holes in one; she  
8 was an avid reader; she and Dick enjoyed vacationing in Delray  
9 Beach, Florida during the winters; she was kind, generous,  
10 spiritual, and loving and left her mark on all who knew her;  
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12 WHEREAS, Maggie Martin was preceded in death by her parents  
13 and one grandchild; and

14 WHEREAS, Maggie Martin is survived by her husband, Dick;  
15 her children, Sam (Liz) Martin, Nancy (Mark) Burns, Daniel  
16 Martin, Gregory Martin, and Stacey Smith; her stepmother,  
17 Bonnie Johnson; her sister, Debra Gruber; her brothers, Fred  
18 Johnson, Thomas (Brenda) Teeple, and Pat (Nancy) Johnson; her  
19 12 grandchildren; her 10 great-grandchildren; and her many  
20 aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Margaret Elizabeth "Maggie" Johnson Martin and extend our  
2 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
3 and loved her; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Maggie Martin as an expression of  
6 our deepest sympathy.