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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 Cindy S. Jensen-Toews, who passed away on March 20, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Cindy Jensen-Toews was born on August 13, 1947; she attended East High School and graduated from Guilford High School in 1965; she spent a year at the Patricia Stevens finishing school (Patricia Stevens College); and

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WHEREAS, Cindy Jensen-Toews started Unique Bouquets in 1980, Rockford's first balloon delivery service; she became "Rockford's Sweetheart" and was able to bring joy into many situations; she received the Women's Business Leader Award and the Leader Luncheon Connie Tremulus Award; and

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WHEREAS, In 1990, Cindy Jensen-Toews was diagnosed with a rare liver disease for which the only cure was an organ transplant; she was a pioneer in spreading transplant awareness; in 1996, she survived three liver transplants within four months at the University of Wisconsin; she was one of the top ten news stories that year in Rockford and continued to share the importance of donations; and

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WHEREAS, Cindy Jensen-Toews was a member of Our Savior's

1 Lutheran Church, where she served on the church council and
2 several other committees; she was a proud member of the
3 Elizabeth Circle; and

4 WHEREAS, Cindy Jensen-Toews loved her family, and everyone
5 knew how important family was to her; her grandchildren were
6 the highlights of her life, and she was proud of every one of
7 them and loved sharing their accomplishments with others; and

8 WHEREAS, Cindy Jensen-Toews was preceded in death by her
9 father, David Hopp; and

10 WHEREAS, Cindy Jensen-Toews is survived by her husband, Bob
11 Toews; her son, David (Cindi) Jensen; her daughter, Andrea
12 (George) Bathje; her bonus son, Dan (Jodee) Johnson; her
13 grandchildren, Cara, Katie, Cole, Jack, Ben, Malloree, and
14 Matthew; her mother, Dorothy Hopp; her sisters, Cristi (Chuck)
15 Kniess and Cathleen (Steve) Ellison; her sister-in-law, Jane
16 (Robert) Burden; numerous nieces and nephews; and the father of
17 her children, John (Carol) Jensen; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Cindy S. Jensen-Toews and extend our sincere condolences to her
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
22 further

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