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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 L. Daniel, who passed away on December 26, 2019 at the age of 62; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Daniel was born on February 1, 1957 to Mary K. Daniel and the late Richard H. Daniel and grew up in Los Angeles; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Daniel earned her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis and then earned her law degree from Harvard Law School; she moved to Chicago in 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Daniel began her career in the State Appellate Defender's Office, the agency that provides representation to indigent inmates in appeals; in 2000, she was hired by Lawrence Marshall to work with the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law, after he heard about her reputation as a brilliant attorney with a huge heart; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Daniel started as a part-time appointee and eventually became the co-director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions; she was responsible for the release and

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1 exoneration of many wrongfully convicted people throughout her
2 career; at least 20 people regained their freedom due to her
3 work; and

4 WHEREAS, Karen Daniel retired from the Center on Wrongful
5 Convictions and was set to take a new job at the Exoneration
6 Project affiliated with the University of Chicago; she was
7 always working and was extremely dedicated to righting the
8 injustices of the criminal justice system; and

9 WHEREAS, Karen Daniel was recently named Professor Emerita
10 of Law at Northwestern University School of Law; she taught and
11 mentored hundreds of students, inspiring many to pursue a
12 career helping the wrongfully convicted; she earned respect for
13 her commitment to helping others and never assumed that an
14 individual was guilty just because they were in prison; and

15 WHEREAS, Karen Daniel was not afraid to take the hard
16 cases; her perseverance in the fight for justice was matched
17 only by her care for her clients; she will be remembered for
18 her dedication to those wrongfully convicted as well as her
19 love for her family and friends; and

20 WHEREAS, Karen Daniel is survived by her husband, Alan
21 Goldberg; her son, Scott Daniel Goldberg; her stepchildren,
22 Julia (Daniel) Alamillo and Laura and Diana Goldberg; her

1 granddaughter, Sophia; her sister, Kelly (David) Selva; her
2 mother; and many friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
5 Karen L. Daniel and extend our sincere condolences to her
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Karen Daniel as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.