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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Martha
4 Louise Watt of Peoria, who passed away on March 5, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Martha Watt was born to Paul and Ruby Elouise
6 Long Heavner in Golden, Mississippi on November 24, 1951; she
7 attended school in Hammond, Indiana and college at Tennessee
8 Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee; she married Joey
9 Watt in Schereville, Indiana on August 16, 1975; and

10 WHEREAS, Martha Watt committed to her faith as a teenager
11 and later served as a Christian school teacher, a home school
12 teacher, and a foster parent; and

13 WHEREAS, Alongside her husband, Martha Watt served in the
14 ministry at Wayside Baptist Church of Graysville, Tennessee,
15 Liberty Baptist Church of Rochester, Indiana, and for the past
16 36 years at El Vista Baptist Church in Peoria; and

17 WHEREAS, Martha Watt was preceded in death by her
18 brothers, James and Robert Heavner, and her parents; and

19 WHEREAS, Martha Watt is survived by her six children,
20 Benjamin (Kristina) Watt, Philip (Erin) Watt, Sarah Watt,

1 Enoch (Dana) Watt, Adam (Lis) Watt, and Hannah (Justin) Derry;
2 her nine grandchildren, Grace, Isaac, Luke, Jeremiah, Eliza,
3 Annabelle, Piper, Jake, and Jada; her siblings, Tony (Wendy)
4 Heavner, John (Maureen) Heavner, Mike (Sharon) Heavner, Margie
5 (Bob) Jackson, Joe (Debi) Heavner, Enoch (Diana) Heavner, and
6 Eddie (Dawn) Heavner; her sister-in-law, Sandy Heavner; her
7 aunts and uncles; her cousins; and her El Vista Baptist Church
8 family; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn the passing of Martha Louise Watt and extend our
12 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
13 and loved her; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Martha Watt as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.