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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 Linda A. Braun of Country Club Hills, who passed away on February 21, 2021 at the age of 73; and

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WHEREAS, Linda Braun and her husband of 50 years, Fred, were residents of Country Club Hills for more than 45 years; they met and fell in love during a company bowling league and quickly formed a partnership on the drag strip, as Fred raced his car and she led his pit crew; their love of family, sports, and civic service was a road map for their lives; and

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WHEREAS, A mentor to many, Linda Braun often loudly praised those whom she unknowingly inspired to become great leaders and engaged community citizens through her example of volunteering to countless local organizations; she rose from assistant Brownie leader to a regional head of the Girl Scouts; she was the first to introduce and implement the Daisy Girl Scout program for the Chicago area; she became PTA President and ran the Cougars football cheerleading program before taking on a leadership role in the Hillcrest Booster Club; and

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WHEREAS, Linda Braun's public service spanned all ages with a focus on seniors in recent years; the culmination of her

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1 community stewardship materialized when she created a
2 community of support for seniors called the Country Club Hills
3 OAK program in 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, While Linda Braun began each professional
5 challenge at an entry-level, she rose to leadership positions
6 quickly; her career began as a switchboard operator at Joanna
7 Western Mills where her father, husband, and many other family
8 members worked; after becoming a mother, she sought part-time
9 jobs to keep her kids involved in community activities; many
10 remember her as being the school crossing guard and a
11 lunchroom mom; she eventually combined her religious and
12 community passions into several roles with St. Emeric, Country
13 Club Hills, and Bremen Township; and

14 WHEREAS, Among her many roles at St. Emeric, Linda Braun
15 served as parish secretary, parish office manager, Eucharistic
16 minister, and as a religious education teacher; she taught
17 herself accounting to manage the parish office and eventually
18 run a budget as a program manager at OAK; along the way, she
19 took minutes at hundreds of city council and commission
20 meetings while always looking for ways to help; and

21 WHEREAS, Linda Braun was an invaluable and engaging
22 leader, mentor, teacher, and role model to scores of family
23 and friends; she was a devoted citizen who cared deeply for her

1 family and friends and enhanced the life and quality of her
2 community around her; and

3 WHEREAS, Linda Braun was preceded in death by her son and
4 his wife, Fred and Hellen Braun; and

5 WHEREAS, Linda Braun is survived by her husband, Fred J.
6 Braun; her children, Jennifer (Michael) Denton, Lynn Braun,
7 John Braun, Kathrynne (the late Glen) Skonicki, and Valerie
8 (Neal Zokan) Braun-Zokan; her grandchildren, Sandra (Nick)
9 Sturgeon, Christina Denton, Michael Denton, Ashley Denton,
10 Cameron Braun, Cameree Braun, Angela Skonicki, Katy Skonicki,
11 and David Skonicki; her great-grandchildren, Sonia and
12 Charlotte Sturgeon; her sister, Rosemarie (the late Kasper)
13 Norkus; her sister-in-law, Marian (the late John) Lukshas; and
14 countless others who lovingly called her "Mrs. Braun";
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Linda A. Braun and send our sincere condolences to her family,
19 friends, and to all who knew and loved her; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be
21 presented to the family of Linda A. Braun as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.