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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 Elizabeth Anne "Betty" Hull, Ph.D., of Palatine, who passed away on August 3, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Hull was born in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania on January 10, 1937; she lived most of her life in the Midwest; she graduated from high school in Park Forest, Illinois; she earned degrees at Wright Junior College, Northwestern University, and Loyola University; she married Frederik Pohl in 1984, and he preceded her in death in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Hull taught English and Science Fiction at William Rainey Harper College for over 30 years, where she headed the Honors Program and earned the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1997; she was honored with the Award of Merit for contributions to her profession by the Northwestern University Alumni Association in 1995; after retiring as professor emerita, she established the Elizabeth Schmik Hull Fund, a scholarship to honor her mother and namesake, at Harper College; and

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WHEREAS, Alongside her husband, acclaimed science fiction (SF) writer Frederik Pohl, Betty Hull published the international anthology Tales from the Planet Earth in 1986;

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1 they also attended numerous SF conventions and developed deep,  
2 long-lasting connections with SF authors, editors, publishers,  
3 and fans throughout the world; she was the editor of the  
4 tribute anthology Gateways: Original New Stories Inspired by  
5 Frederik Pohl in 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, Betty Hull served as president and newsletter  
7 editor of the Science Fiction Research Association (SFRA),  
8 where she received the Thomas D. Claeson Award for  
9 Distinguished Service from SFRA in 1997; she served as the  
10 North American secretary for the World SF International  
11 Organization for Professionals for over ten years; she was a  
12 juror for the John W. Campbell Memorial Award for best SF novel  
13 for over 20 years; she wrote many critical essays, convention  
14 reports, and other non-fiction, with work appearing in  
15 Extrapolation, Fantasy Review, Locus, and other publications;  
16 she lectured on SF, ran writers' workshops, and helped run  
17 numerous conventions; and

18 WHEREAS, Betty Hull was a member of the Palatine Area  
19 League of Women Voters; she was selected by the Democratic  
20 Party as its nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives of  
21 Illinois' 8th District against long-time Republican incumbent  
22 Phil Crane in 1996; she was defeated but continued to be active  
23 in the Palatine League of Women Voters for more than 30 years  
24 and served as president from 1999 to 2001; and

1           WHEREAS, Betty Hull was a scholar, an author, an editor, a  
2 teacher, and a political activist; she was known for being  
3 ahead of her time, well versed, and a champion of women's  
4 rights; she will be remembered especially for her devotion to  
5 her large blended family; and

6           WHEREAS, Betty Hull is survived by her daughters from her  
7 first marriage, Catherine Pizzaro and Barbara Patterson; her  
8 stepchildren from her marriage to Frederik Pohl, Frederik Pohl  
9 IV, Ann Pohl, and Kathy Pohl; her grandchildren, Christine  
10 McElwee and Eric Wintczak; her great-grandchildren, Everett  
11 McElwee, Audrey McElwee, and Leif Wintczak; her sisters,  
12 Gloria May Hull and Trudi Bellardo Hahn; and her cousin, Myra  
13 Gillum; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Elizabeth Anne "Betty" Hull, Ph.D., and extend our sincere  
17 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
18 her; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Betty Hull as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.