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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 Christine "Chris" Eik Winick of Galesburg, who passed away on November 5, 2022 at the age of 71; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Winick was born to Margaret Hansen Eik and Gunnar Eik in Galesburg on June 11, 1951; she graduated from Galesburg High School in 1969; she then attended Illinois Wesleyan University before transferring to Knox College, where she graduated with her degree in Political Science in 1973; she later received her Master of Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield in 1989; she additionally earned a graduate certificate in Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations and was a certified hostage negotiator; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Winick was a lifelong public servant, beginning her career with the State of Illinois; she first worked as an ombudsman with the Governor's Office of Human Resources in the Quad Cities area; she then served as a volunteer services coordinator and social worker with the Department of Children and Family Services; next, she worked at the Galesburg Mental Health Center, where her mother and sister were also employed; she later held positions at

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1 Galesburg Community Unit School District 205, directing the  
2 district's before-school and after-school programs, and the  
3 InTouch Day Center for Older Adults; she then became a  
4 counselor with the Illinois Department of Corrections at the  
5 Henry Hill Correctional Center, where she worked until she  
6 retired in 2010; and

7 WHEREAS, Outside of work, Chris Winick was an active  
8 leader in politics and her community; she was a lifelong  
9 progressive Democrat and was the beating heart of the Knox  
10 County Democratic Party for many years, including serving as  
11 chair and briefly serving as the committeewoman for the 17th  
12 Congressional District on the State Central Committee of the  
13 Democratic Party of Illinois; she was elected as a delegate to  
14 the Democratic National Convention in 1984, 2008, 2016, and  
15 2020; she also served on the Knox County Board from 1982 to  
16 2002, including serving as chair of the Finance Committee,  
17 under both Democratic and Republican majorities, and as  
18 township supervisor from 1989 until her passing; and

19 WHEREAS, Chris Winick was a member of the Knox Alumni  
20 Council and a leader in the Galesburg Knox Club; she  
21 previously served on the boards of Family Planning Services,  
22 Safe Harbor, Temple Sholom, the Knox County FEMA, the Carver  
23 Community Action Agency, and the Knox County Head Start Policy  
24 Council; she also had served on the Illinois Attorney

1 General's Senior Citizen Advisory Council and as secretary of  
2 Illinois Women in Government; and

3 WHEREAS, Chris Winick received several accolades during  
4 her lifetime, including being named as the Knox County  
5 Democratic Woman of the Year in 2010 and receiving a Knox  
6 College Service Award in recognition of her years of service  
7 to her alma mater and community in 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, Chris Winick filled her home with paintings,  
9 prints, and sculptures, which were often created by local  
10 Galesburg artists and Knox College classmates; she was known  
11 for her passionate views, her style, and her impeccable  
12 wardrobe; she loved experiencing live music and theater, going  
13 on her daily walks at Lake Storey, traveling near and far, and  
14 having long chats with friends and acquaintances over coffee  
15 at Innkeepers, wine at Vintages, or a beer at Knox County  
16 Brewing Company; and

17 WHEREAS, Chris Winick was a beloved mother, sister, aunt,  
18 cousin, and friend who loved politics and serving her  
19 community; of her many accomplishments, she was proudest of  
20 her son, Ben, and her daughter-in-law, Lari Dierks; and

21 WHEREAS, Chris Winick was preceded in death by her  
22 husband, Norm Winick; and

1           WHEREAS, At the time of her passing, Chris Winick was  
2 survived by her son and daughter-in-law; her sister, Marna;  
3 her sister-in-law, Diane (Lonnie) Graul; her brother-in-law,  
4 Andy (Sherry) Winick; her nieces, Brynn (Jim Baker) Seibert  
5 and Leslie (Josh) Wangeman; her nephews, Keith (Christy  
6 Wagner) Graul and Dylan Winick; and her many other close  
7 friends and family; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 Christine "Chris" Eik Winick and extend our sincere  
11 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
12 her; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Chris Winick as an expression of our  
15 deepest sympathy.