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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 Jeanne St. Julian of Peoria, who passed away on September 25, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne St. Julian was born to Rev. Benjamin and Lillian (Graves) Wood in Austin, Texas on May 28, 1934; she was raised in the Church of God in Christ, where her father served as a reverend; as a young woman, she participated in the Texas State Ms. Bronze Pageant, placing third; she received her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas; while an undergraduate student, she became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; she earned her Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling from Bradley University in Peoria; she also completed postgraduate hours at the University of Illinois, Western Illinois University, and Illinois State University; she married Grant St. Julian Jr. in Beaumont, Texas on December 26, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne St. Julian was an educator who devoted much of her career to the Peoria Public Schools District 150, where she worked as a guidance counselor at Richwoods High School, an elementary teacher at Lincoln, White, and Webster Schools, and a home counselor at Irving and Lincoln Schools; prior to becoming an educator, she worked as a children's

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1 librarian at the Peoria Public Library, a service
2 representative at the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, and a
3 counselor for the Neighborhood Youth Corps Summer Programs;
4 after retirement, she worked as a study hall supervisor at
5 Manual and Richwoods High Schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Jeanne St. Julian served on the Catholic
7 Interracial Council, the Urban League Guild, the Urban
8 League's Tomorrow's Scientists, Technicians and Managers
9 Advisory Committee, the Board of Directors of Women's
10 Strength, and the Board of Directors of George Washington
11 Carver Community Center; she was a life member of the NAACP and
12 a member of the State of Illinois Right-to-Read Program; she
13 served as mistress of ceremonies for Peoria's annual debutante
14 ball for many years; for her extensive community service, she
15 was inducted into the African American Hall of Fame of
16 Downstate Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, Jeanne St. Julian's commitment to education and
18 the Peoria community led her, along with her family, to create
19 two local scholarships, the Peoria Tri-County Urban League's
20 TSTM St. Julian Family Scholarship and the Illinois Central
21 College Grant St. Julian Keep Jazz Alive! Scholarship; and

22 WHEREAS, Jeanne St. Julian was an excellent seamstress, an
23 avid crafter, and a world-class shopper who was known for her

1 creativity, her exquisite sense of style, and her skills in
2 acting and public speaking; and

3 WHEREAS, Jeanne St. Julian was preceded in death by her
4 husband; her parents; her brother, Benjamin Wood Jr.; and her
5 sisters, Daisy Jackson, Marie Wood, and Jackie Wood; and

6 WHEREAS, Jeanne St. Julian is survived by her children,
7 Grant St. Julian III, Andrea Renee, and Tanya Suzanne; her
8 daughter-in-law, Judy St. Julian; her son-in-law, Michael
9 Alexander; her grandchildren, Andrew (Paige) St. Julian and
10 Stacie (Peter) Paciorek; five great-grandchildren; and her
11 brothers, James (Hannah) Wood and Michael Wood; therefore, be
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13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Jeanne St. Julian and extend our sincere condolences to her
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Jeanne St. Julian as an expression
20 of our deepest sympathy.