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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 Janet Elizabeth (Priniski) Sikma of West Chicago, who passed away on November 19, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Sikma was born to David and Patricia Priniski in Elgin in June 21, 1977; she received her bachelor's degree in Music Education from Augustana College in 1999; she earned her master's degree in Music Education from Northern Illinois University in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Sikma began her teaching career in St. Louis; she spent the last 19 years as the orchestra director and mariachi teacher at West Chicago Elementary School District 33, where she was instrumental in developing the district's Music Department; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Sikma's most significant accomplishment was building the Mariachi los Rayos de Leman Middle School ensemble, one of the only mariachi groups open to middle school students in the State, to meet the needs of her community; her group has made a significant cultural impact on the community and has even performed for Governor JB Pritzker at the State Capitol on Latino Unity Day; and

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1 WHEREAS, Janet Sikma's passion and love for her students
2 was evident, and she will be remembered for her dedication to
3 them; and

4 WHEREAS, Janet Sikma is survived by her mother, Patricia
5 Priniski; her husband of 23 years, James E. Sikma; her
6 daughter, Lauren; her son, Eric; her sister, Carol (Priniski)
7 Bramstedt; and her brother, Scott Priniski; 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 Janet Elizabeth (Priniski) Sikma 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 Janet Sikma as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.