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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 Harriet Hausman, who passed away on November 7, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Harriet Hausman was a lifetime resident of Illinois and a committed member of the Oak Park and River Forest Community; and

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WHEREAS, Harriet Hausman lived an exemplary life devoted to fairness, equality, and respect for human rights, long recognizing the role that each of us has in making those goals a reality in our lives and our community; and

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WHEREAS, Harriet Hausman was a prodigious writer, sharing her views in local papers on a range of issues, including racial equality, reproductive rights, voting rights and LGBTQ+ rights, publishing her final submission to the Wednesday Journal just days before her death; and

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WHEREAS, Harriet Hausman was an active member of the Oak Park Temple, where she regularly organized educational events that focused on the need for understanding, tolerance, and respect for the rights of others; and

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1 WHEREAS, Harriet Hausman was a longtime member of the
2 American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, having joined the
3 ACLU as a high school student, and served as a longtime member
4 of the board of directors for the organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Harriet Hausman and her husband, Marty, showed a
6 particular commitment to the principle of free speech after
7 the ACLU defended the rights of neo-Nazis to march in Skokie in
8 the 1970s, traveling to synagogues across the area to listen
9 to and address the concerns of Jewish residents across
10 Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Harriet Hausman continued throughout her life to
12 inspire love, admiration, and dedication among the many who
13 came to know and appreciate her unrelenting, unwavering
14 commitment to building bridges and advancing basic rights;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Harriet Hausman and extend our sincere condolences to her
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That we celebrate the life of Harriet Hausman
22 and express gratitude for the many contributions she made to

1 her community in Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Harriet Hausman as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.