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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 Suzanne "Susy" Woods of Springfield, who passed away on December 8, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Susy Woods was born to Laverne and Maxine (McCastle) Kauling in Salem on June 11, 1948; she graduated from Ursuline Academy with the class of 1966; she received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois at Springfield and a doctorate from Walden University; she married David Dean Woods on September 4, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Susy Woods worked as a public policy and education liaison with the Illinois Assistive Technology Program in Springfield; she retired from the Illinois Department of Revenue, where she worked as a computer operator; she previously worked at the University of Illinois at Springfield as Director of Disability Services, where she was also an adjunct professor; and

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WHEREAS, Susy Woods was a champion and passionate advocate for children and adults with disabilities in Illinois; she was a registered lobbyist who sought laws and policies that benefited children and adults with disabilities; she served on

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1 the Illinois State Task Force on Employment and Economic
2 Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and also served on
3 the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of
4 Children with Disabilities; she was on the boards of IMPACT
5 Center for Independent Living in Alton and the Arc of
6 Illinois; she was involved with many other groups, including
7 NAMI-Illinois, United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois, and the
8 Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities' Partners in
9 Policymaking; and

10 WHEREAS, Susy Woods was a skilled and effective special
11 education advocate who assisted children with disabilities and
12 their parents and guardians from all over Illinois; she
13 assisted thousands of families in IEP meetings;; and

14 WHEREAS, Susy Woods was completely dedicated to her family
15 and many friends, and she was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals
16 fan; and

17 WHEREAS, Susy Woods was preceded in death by her parents,
18 Laverne and Maxine Kauling; her beloved grandmother, Belle
19 McCastle; and her great-nephew, Elijah Kauling; and

20 WHEREAS, Susy Woods is survived by her husband, David
21 Woods; her daughter, Rachael (Rob) Macropoulos; her son, Adam
22 (Leslie) Woods; her sister, Diane (Mark) Steinhauser; her

1 sister, Tia (John) Schoen; several nieces and nephews; her
2 grandchildren, Isabella (Alex) Schmidt, Sofia Macropoulos,
3 Cecelia Macropoulos, and Hudson Macropoulos; and her
4 great-granddaughter, Athena Burnom; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Susy Woods and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
8 friends and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Susy Woods as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.