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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 Mary Alice Kramer, who passed away on December 26, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Alice Kramer was born to Raymond and Helen (Gehmen) Strassburger in Decatur on December 29, 1942; she graduated from Champaign High School in 1960 and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1963; she married Henry E. "Woody" Kramer on January 25, 1964, and they welcomed Woody's youngest sisters, Anicia Kramer and Cami (Kramer) Pisklak, into their family in 1976; she earned a Bachelor of Arts from Eastern Illinois University in 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Alice Kramer's nursing career spanned the course of 45 years, including working as a nurse at Mercy Hospital in Champaign and as an office nurse with Dr. Stanley Huffman in Mattoon; her career culminated serving as the school nurse for Charleston Community Schools, from which she retired in 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Alice Kramer was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Charleston, where she served as the organist for the church choir for more than 40 years; she was named a Woman of Distinction by the Springfield

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1 Illinois Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in June 2014; and

2 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Kramer loved music, sewing, and  
3 baking, especially at Christmas time and when her  
4 grandchildren visited; she and her family hosted numerous  
5 exchange students from around the world over the years; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Kramer was a devoted wife to her  
7 husband and a dedicated mother to her children and their  
8 various activities, including serving as a leader of her  
9 children's 4-H club, the Charleston Cloverettes, and attending  
10 hundreds of sporting and music events; she will be remembered  
11 for her generous, caring, and giving spirit; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Kramer was preceded in death by her  
13 husband, her parents, and her sisters, Elizabeth Engelbrecht  
14 and Irene Schlorff; and

15 WHEREAS, Mary Alice Kramer is survived by her children,  
16 Liane Foerder, Alice (Mike) Dutler, Kevin Kramer, Letha (Lisa  
17 Watkins) Kramer, Ellen (Bryan) Ericson, and Lauren (Ryan  
18 Anderson) Kramer; her grandchildren, Stephanie (Dustin) Gay,  
19 Becca Foerder, Lexi Foerder, Christian Dutler, Abby Dutler,  
20 Matthew Dutler, Livia Kramer, Henry Kramer, Griffin Kramer,  
21 Hannah Ericson, Owen Ericson, Charlotte Kramer-Watkins, and  
22 Isaac Kramer-Watkins; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 Mary Alice Kramer and extend our sincere condolences to her  
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Mary Alice Kramer as an expression  
8 of our deepest sympathy.