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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 Debbie Duncan Reed of Quincy, who passed away on January 4, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Debbie Reed was born to Linda Mary Duncan and John David Duncan on February 11, 1965; she attended Unity High School, where she was in band, played sports, and raised and sold Christmas trees for 4-H; she was later crowned Adams County Pork Queen in honor of her work supporting Illinois Pork Producers; she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication from Drake University; she married Dr. Brennan Reed, and they lived in St. Louis, Missouri at the start of their marriage while Brennan was completing his residency; she obtained her Master of Arts in Leadership from Bellevue University in 2006 and her Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership from Concordia University in 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Debbie Reed began her non-profit career working with the American Lung Association; following her husband Brennan's residency, they moved back to Quincy, where Debbie created her own marketing and publishing firm, The DDR Group; while she enjoyed her stint in entrepreneurship, her passion for helping people led her back to the world of non-profits;

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1 she began a 30-year career at Chaddock to support children in  
2 need, where she excelled and moved from from director of  
3 marketing to president/CEO; during her tenure, she combined  
4 her non-profit and entrepreneurial experience to expand  
5 Chaddock's mission and played a pivotal role in achieving  
6 major milestones at Chaddock, including building a LEAD  
7 certified cottage and the opening of the new Chaddock School,  
8 the Chaddock satellite school in Carthage, and the Knowledge  
9 Center at Chaddock; and

10 WHEREAS, Debbie Reed also shared her passion for  
11 leadership through her blog, Reed about Leadership, and  
12 authored two books, Attachment Theory in Action and Raising  
13 the Challenging Child; and

14 WHEREAS, Debbie Reed made national and international  
15 impact in leadership roles through the United Methodist  
16 Association (UMA), where she was recently featured as a  
17 keynote speaker and was honored with the UMA Mission Award;  
18 she was a lifelong member of the Ellington Presbyterian  
19 Church, contributing to the church session, the Vacation Bible  
20 School experience, and countless church dinners; she led the  
21 Ellington Hilltoppers 4-H Club, receiving the Dale Donley 4-H  
22 Leader of the Year Award for her work; recently, she was  
23 recognized by her local community, receiving the KHQA Hometown  
24 Hero Award and being named a YWCA Woman of Impact; and

1           WHEREAS, Debbie Reed, with her infectious spirit and  
2 never-ending patience, was known for always looking for  
3 opportunities to help people in need and solve problems and  
4 for always finding time for friends and family, traveling, and  
5 investing in her community; and

6           WHEREAS, Debbie Reed was preceded in death by her father;  
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8           WHEREAS, Debbie Reed is survived by her husband of 38  
9 years, Brennan; her sons, Tanner and Landon; her mother; her  
10 brother, Doug (Kim) Duncan; her sister, Donna (Mike) Jansen;  
11 her brother-in-law, Brian (Mary Jo) Reed; and many nephews;  
12 therefore, be it

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 Debbie Duncan Reed 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 Debbie Reed as an expression of our  
20 deepest sympathy.