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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 Babich of Joliet, who passed away on March 20, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Babich was born on March 6, 1944; she was a lifelong resident of Joliet; she was raised on Meeker Avenue, where her family ran a local grocery store and produced and sold Cresto Sausage; she was a graduate of Lincoln Grade School, Joliet Township Central High School, and Joliet Junior College, where she was a cheerleader; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Babich worked as a service representative for Illinois Bell Telephone in Lockport for 28 years, where she was often recognized as a top sales person; post retirement, she provided administrative support at the Caneva Foot Clinic and the offices of Dr. Gutierrez, Penaherrera & Gurfinkle - Internal Medicine; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Babich was a dedicated member of St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Nativity Parishes, and she belonged to St. Joseph's Church Altar & Rosary Society and its Senior Citizens Association; she was active in many clubs and organizations, including serving on the Rialto Board for 18 years, as a past president and member of the Cantigny 367 VFW

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1 Ladies Auxiliary, as a guild member and an active fundraiser  
2 of Lightways Hospice for over 20 years, and as a member of the  
3 Our Lady of Angels Auxiliary, the Italian American Club, the  
4 Moran Club, KSKJ, the Elks Club, the Moose Club, and the Red  
5 Hats Club;

6 WHEREAS, Mary Babich was a loyal fan of the Chicago Cubs,  
7 the Chicago Bears, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the Golden  
8 State Warriors; she was an avid shopper and deal seeker; she  
9 enjoyed eating lunch at Al's Steakhouse with her best friends,  
10 Rose and Sally, and collecting rosaries and angels; she loved  
11 traveling, including weekend getaways to St. Joseph, Michigan,  
12 annual trips to Florida, where she visited family in Sarasota  
13 and Disney World with her grandchildren, and international  
14 trips to Italy and Slovenia; and

15 WHEREAS, Mary Babich was known for always looking  
16 well-dressed, pairing classy outfits with coordinating  
17 scarves; she was a proud supporter of her family and their  
18 accomplishments and a generous and loyal friend; and

19 WHEREAS, Mary Babich was preceded in death by her parents,  
20 Frank and Angeline Cresto; her parents-in-law, Joseph and  
21 Helen Babich; her sister, Joanne (Donald) Legerski; her  
22 brother, Ronald Cresto; her sister-in-law, Jeanette Tucci; her  
23 brother-in-law, Bob Babich; and other extended family; and

1           WHEREAS, Mary Babich is survived by her husband of 55  
2 years, Joseph Babich; her daughters, Kelli Babich and Lisa  
3 (Dimitri) Karnezis; her grandchildren, Olivia and Joseph  
4 Karnezis; her sister-in-law, Margie Cresto; her  
5 brother-in-law, Rich Tucci; and her nieces, nephews, extended  
6 family, and friends; therefore, be it

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

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Mary Babich as an expression of our  
13 deepest sympathy.