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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 Ruth Ann Bush-McGaskey, who passed away on April 18, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey was born to James Alfred Bush and Willie Belle Clark Bush in Natchitoches, Louisiana on October 26, 1944; she committed to her faith at an early age and was baptized at the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith; she graduated from Natchitoches Central High School; she received her licensed practical nurse diploma from East St. Louis State Community College in 1980; she married George McGaskey on August 25, 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey cared for patients in hospitals and residents in nursing homes for over 30 years; she worked as the director of nursing at Christian Care Home in St. Louis, Missouri; after retiring from nursing, she spent time as an after-school worker at High Mount Elementary School, working with youth on various activities and homework, and as a receptionist at the Social Security Administration's Belleville office; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey volunteered at a local church's food pantry in Collinsville; and

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1           WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey enjoyed sewing, cooking,  
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3           slots at the casino, completing crossword puzzles, dressing  
4           fashionably, and scrolling through Facebook; and

5           WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey will be remembered as a  
6           generous, soft-spoken, kindhearted person who loved spending  
7           time with her family, especially her husband, children, and  
8           grandchildren; and

9           WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey was preceded in death by her  
10          husband; her daughter, Jacqueline Hayes; her granddaughter,  
11          Tammurra Hamilton; her grandson, Darrin B. Hayes II; her  
12          sisters, Vera Bush, Moise Modest, and Mary Dee McGaskey; and  
13          her brothers, Joe D. Bush, Lester Bush Sr., Odell Bush, James  
14          Bush Jr., Clyde Bush, and Henry Earl Bush; and

15          WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey is survived by her children,  
16          Steve McGaskey, Patrina Bush, Patrick Bush, Roderick Bush,  
17          Tammy Bush-Hamilton, Latekia Bush, Javonda (Untress) Quinn,  
18          and Jalonda Bush; her grandchildren, Alicia McGaskey, Corey  
19          McGaskey, Szemarr McGaskey, Jaquette Sterling-Ransom, Ashley  
20          Hence, Taylor Bush, Antonio Lewis, Brionnca Lewis, Frederick  
21          Taylor Jr., Amare Quinn, and Aden Quinn; her  
22          great-grandchildren, Taylor Jones, Kori Jones, Korianna Jones,

1 D'Aryius Jones, McKenzie Jones, Kamren Ransom, Kolby Ransom,  
2 Layla Hence, Aamira Hayes, Dariana Hayes, and Darrin B. Hayes  
3 III; her sister, Ola Mae Bush-Johnson; her brother, Bishop  
4 Vuray Bush; and other relatives and friends; 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 Ruth Ann Bush-McGaskey and extend our sincere condolences to  
8 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Ruth Bush-McGaskey as an expression  
12 of our deepest sympathy.