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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Penelope A. "Penny" Meyer of Springfield, who passed away on May 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Penny Meyer, the daughter of Helen and Henry Heitzig, was born on January 10, 1945; she attended the St. Francis and Holy Ghost Catholic Elementary Schools and graduated from Jersey Community High School in 1963; she earned her bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in 1967; she married TJ Meyer, and he preceded her in death on January 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Penny Meyer taught business education and served as department chairperson at Springfield Southeast High School for 34 years; while there, she made many lifelong friends; upon retirement, she received the honor of the school yearbook being dedicated to her; and

WHEREAS, Penny Meyer was grateful for her family, faith, and friends; her favorite word was "joy", and she was known for inspiring joy in so many others; she was interested in everyone, and she had an ability to make people feel seen and important when they were around her; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Penny Meyer is survived by her son, Michael
- 2 (fiancé, Laura Carnes) Meyer; her daughter, Kelly (family
- 3 friend, Arlie Oliver) Meyer; and her sister, Linda
- 4 Distlehorst; 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 Penelope A. "Penny" Meyer and extend our sincere condolences
- 8 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
- 9 it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 11 presented to the family of Penny Meyer as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.