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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 Sheila Stevenson of Oak Park, who passed away on February 28, 2024 at the age of 89; and

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WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson was born to Henry and Winifred (Worley) Stevenson in Paddington in London, England on August 26, 1934; and

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WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson was evacuated from London during World War II and lived in Wales with a host family until after the war when her family settled in Sussex; and

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WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson graduated with a degree in history from the University of Leicester; and

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WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson was passionate about library science; she first came to the United States to work at the Baltimore Public Library, and she started working at the Oak Park Public Library in 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson had a three-decade-long career at the Oak Park Public Library, where she became a great friend to co-workers and patrons; she was dedicated to the library's mission and made an indelible impression on those around her;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson served as head of the Readers  
3 Services Department and then as the head of Collection  
4 Development at the Oak Park Public Library before retiring in  
5 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson enjoyed theatre, literature, and  
7 opera, being a longtime Lyric Opera season ticket holder; she  
8 also enjoyed traveling to the Stratford Festival in Ontario  
9 for 40 straight years; and

10 WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson was an avid appreciator of fine  
11 dining, and she made a famous trifle; and

12 WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson was preceded in death by her  
13 parents and her sister, Gillian (Henry) Stevenson Smith; and

14 WHEREAS, Sheila Stevenson is survived by her nephews, Tim  
15 Smith and Christopher Smith; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Sheila Stevenson and extend our sincere condolences to her  
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
20 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Sheila Stevenson as an expression  
3 of our deepest sympathy.