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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 Dorothy Kathryn Engholdt Bertschy of Peoria, who passed away on September 13, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Bertschy was born to Henry C. and Gabriella Kraus Engholdt in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin on June 9, 1928; she graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1950, where she served on the student board and was a member of Alpha Kappa Delta honorary society; she received a piano teaching certification from Sherwood Music School in Chicago and later did graduate study at Bradley University; she also completed requirements for secondary school certification; she married Adelbert Louis "Del" Bertschy in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin on July 29, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Bertschy taught in South Holland School District 150 for several years and gave private piano lessons to children; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Bertschy was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church since 1956, where she was active in parish, scouts, and school activities and was a founder of the school's fine arts program; she was a member of Mt. Hawley Country Club, where she served as chairman of the Ladies 18

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1 Golf League; she was president of the Amateur Musical Club
2 from 1981 to 1987, served as chairwoman of the Docents at
3 Lakeview Museum, and was a member of the Presenters' Panel of
4 the Illinois Arts Council; she served as president of the Fine
5 Arts Society from 1987 to 1989 and as president and founder of
6 the Amateur Musical Club Foundation; she was a director of the
7 Halbert and Alice Kadish Foundation of Milwaukee; and

8 WHEREAS, Dorothy Bertschy served on the boards of the
9 American Association of University Women, the Society of
10 Engineers Wives, the Muses of Lakeview Museum, the Peoria Arts
11 and Sciences Council, the Women's Civic Federation, the WCBU
12 Development Advisory Board, the Bergan High School Parents
13 Association, and the Seminarian Support Group of the Catholic
14 Diocese of Peoria; and

15 WHEREAS, Dorothy Bertschy received the Julia Proctor White
16 Arts Achievement Award at the YWCA Leadership luncheon in
17 1993; and

18 WHEREAS, Dorothy Bertschy enjoyed playing tennis, golf,
19 and bridge, swimming, reading, gardening, playing the piano,
20 entertaining friends and family at her home, and traveling
21 domestically and internationally with her husband; and

22 WHEREAS, Dorothy Bertschy was an active homemaker, mother,

1 and grandmother, always hoping to be a positive influence on
2 her family members; and

3 WHEREAS, Dorothy Bertschy was preceded in death by her
4 parents; her husband; and her brothers, Thomas H. Engholdt and
5 1st Lt. James M. Engholdt; and

6 WHEREAS, Dorothy Bertschy is survived by her sons, Timothy
7 (Janet), Nicholas (Lucinda Uphoff), and Christopher (Nancy),
8 and seven grandchildren; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Dorothy Kathryn Engholdt Bertschy and extend our sincere
12 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
13 her; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Dorothy Bertschy as an expression
16 of our deepest sympathy.