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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Karen Marie Hollis of  
4 Rockford, who passed away on December 10, 2012; and

5           WHEREAS, Karen Hollis was born on November 21, 1964, in  
6 Chicago to Thomas and Nancy (Fuscione) Foley; she married Scott  
7 Hollis on October 7, 1988; and

8           WHEREAS, Karen Hollis enjoyed pizza and Bingo nights at the  
9 independent multiple intelligences school, where she was the  
10 board president; she enjoyed reading, skiing, attending her  
11 children's swimming events, and traveling with her family; she  
12 was involved in an ongoing campaign to raise \$850,000 to  
13 upgrade Spectrum Progressive School's exterior and to expand  
14 the school by buying additional property; and

15           WHEREAS, Karen Hollis had been with the Rockford Health  
16 Systems for more than 25 years and was a member of the REACT  
17 Flight Team; it was during the discharge of her duties for  
18 REACT that she and fellow flight nurse Jim Dillow, and pilot  
19 Andrew Olesen, perished when they encountered bad weather on  
20 route to pick up a critically ill patient; and

21           WHEREAS, Karen Hollis was preceded in death by her father,

1 Thomas Foley and mother-in-law, Carol Ellis; and

2 WHEREAS, Karen Hollis is survived by her husband, Scott;  
3 her daughters, Sydney Marie and Samantha Carol; her dog,  
4 Reggie; her mother, Nancy Foley; her sisters, Cathleen (Scott)  
5 Person, Linda (John) Timm, and Nancy (Jim) Appell; her  
6 brothers, Tom (Carol) Foley and John (Colette) Foley; her  
7 father-in-law, Charles Ellis; her nieces and nephews, Ryan,  
8 Michael, Kelsey, Jennifer, Ethan, Shaun, Kevin, Brenden, Erin,  
9 Franchesca, Jack, Ariana, Joshua, and Annalisa; therefore, be  
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Karen Hollis, and we extend our sincere condolences to her  
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Karen Hollis as an expression of our  
18 deepest sympathy.