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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 Geraldine Green Nekrosius, popularly known as Gerry, who passed away on September 16, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Gerry was born on July 29, 1948 in New York City, New York; her parents were Dr. James L. and Margaret Green; and

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WHEREAS, Gerry was raised on Long Island; she later moved to Chicago to study journalism and English at Northwestern University, where she met her husband of 47 years, Donald X. Nekrosius; after marrying, she and her husband spent seven years teaching, traveling, camping, and exploring America and Canada before settling in Oak Park to raise their children; and

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WHEREAS, Gerry devoted her life to helping others as an educator, a counselor; she served as staff and as a volunteer at the Hephzibah Children's Association and the OPRF Food Pantry, where she became known for her patient, caring, and generous spirit; she was a volunteer at Hospice Touch in Tomah, Wisconsin; she also supported many organizations such as the Camp AmeriKids Cabin Challenge, which gives children living with HIV/AIDS and sickle cell anemia a chance to go to Camp AmeriKids; and

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1 WHEREAS, Gerry was a vigorous champion of women and women's
2 rights; she cared for everyone around her as a mother and
3 grandmother not only to her own family, but also to the
4 children she worked with through Hephzibah; and

5 WHEREAS, Gerry enjoyed reading, gardening, visiting
6 museums, and the symphony and theatre; and

7 WHEREAS, Gerry is survived by her husband, her sister,
8 Leslyn Green Rigoni (Donald), and her children, Walt (Juliana),
9 Samuel (Lee) and Margaret (Jo), and her grandchildren Gabriel,
10 Amelie, Violet, Alta, Walter, and Luca; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Geraldine Green
14 Nekrosius; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Geraldine Nekrosius as an expression
17 of our sympathy.