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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 Barbara M. Wilson, who passed away on May 19, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Wilson was born in England on December 7, 1941; she attended Guildford High School and studied electrical engineering in college; she married Gerald Moore; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Wilson worked at Decca on, among other projects, modern Christmas tree lights; after getting married, she worked part time for several years as the secretary at the Royal Marines Officer's Mess in Hamworthy, Dorset, the first woman allowed in; she was an enthusiastic actor in the local Townswomen's Guild productions; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Wilson immigrated to Chicago in 1975 and began teaching classes on electronics on a volunteer basis; she also ran the local Girl Scout troop; she had a brief career as a basket weaver and sold her products at craft shows and taught children how to weave; for several years, she volunteered at a home for the severely mentally disabled; she worked for almost 20 years at Sola Electric, documenting engineering processes, and then for another five years at Northgate Medical equipment doing the same; and

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1 WHEREAS, Barbara Wilson married Alan Wilson in 1980 and,
2 after the children had all grown, they lived happily together
3 in their house by the stream working jointly on nature
4 conservation and prairie restoration projects; for the last 30
5 years, she was involved in prairie restoration and was a
6 steward at the Lake-in-the-Hills Fen; she gave nature walks,
7 botany classes, and conducted children's programs for the Fen,
8 the Illinois Nature Conservancy, the McHenry County Land
9 Conservancy, the McHenry County Conservation District, and the
10 Algonquin Park District among many more; she did plant
11 inventories of rare plants, annual plant monitoring, and seed
12 collection programs; and

13 WHEREAS, Barbara Wilson was honored countless times for her
14 service to the conservation community; she was a Big Sister, a
15 teacher's aide with ESL classes at McHenry County Community
16 College, and a private tutor for ESL and math students; she
17 played the recorder and the clarinet; she could remember the
18 lyrics to most of the songs of her youth, and loved a good
19 sci-fi book; and

20 WHEREAS, Barbara Wilson was preceded in death by her
21 parents and her daughter, Sylvia Harrigan; and

22 WHEREAS, Barbara Wilson is survived by her husband, Alan;

1 her daughter, Jacqueline M. Moore; her stepdaughter, Tina
2 Mudge, and children, Josh and Frank Mudge; her grandson, Kevin
3 Krauser, and his wife, Samantha, and son, James Krauser; her
4 granddaughter, Jillian Krauser, and son, Xander Cirrincione;
5 her niece, Allison Harrington, and children, Grace and Fred;
6 and her step-granddaughter, Lisa Hartney; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Barbara M. Wilson, and extend our sincere condolences to her
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Barbara Wilson as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.