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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 Mary Marling, who passed away on October 12, 2017 at the age of 80; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Marling was born in Detroit, Michigan to Lewis and Virginia Tower on April 17, 1937; she graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Michigan and a Master of Arts in Russian Studies from New York University; she was deeply committed to her family, her community, and the Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Marling was an avid sports fan cheering loudest for the Detroit Tigers, University of Michigan football, the Detroit Red Wings, and later, the Chicago Cubs; she was deeply superstitious about sports and believed that ironing during games brought victory to her beloved Tigers; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Marling had an "I can make that" attitude and tackled many craft projects such as quilting and knitting; she later became an excellent bridge player and converted to online matches in recent years; she was a true music lover and played classical piano; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mary Marling recently celebrated 38 years of
2 sobriety and was a firm believer in the power of Alcoholics
3 Anonymous; she supported many in joining "The Club" and wanted
4 to assure people that they were not alone; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Marling's final job was as the bookkeeper for
6 the local non-profit Ten Thousand Villages fair trade shop,
7 where she was able to combine her interest of orderly numbers
8 and doing good; and

9 WHEREAS, Mary Marling's friends would describe her as an
10 optimist, curious and playful, and someone who lived life on
11 her own terms; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Marling was an extrovert who thrived when
13 surrounded by people; she also smiled and loved completely; and

14 WHEREAS, Mary Marling was preceded in death by her parents;
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16 WHEREAS, Mary Marling is survived by her daughters,
17 Jennifer Marling and Carrie Bankes; her grandchildren, Julia,
18 Abby, and Will Bankes, who knew her as "Bama"; her son-in-law,
19 Steve Bankes; her brother, John Tower (Susan); her sister, Sue
20 Conklin (Robert); and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good
21 friends; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Mary Marling, and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
4 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Mary Marling as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.