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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of former First Lady Barbara  
4 Pierce Bush of Houston, Texas, who passed away on April 17,  
5 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Bush was born on June 8, 1925 in Rye, New  
7 York to Marvin and Pauline Pierce; she married George H. W.  
8 Bush on January 6, 1945; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara and George Bush were married for over 73  
years and had six children, 14 grandchildren, and seven  
great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Bush is the second person in American  
history to be First Lady of the United States and the mother of  
a United States President; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Bush was devoted to improving literacy and  
founded the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy which  
has raised hundreds of millions of dollars to create and expand  
literacy programs in every state; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Bush championed the National Literacy  
Act, which was signed into law in 1991 and brought widespread

1 attention to improving national literacy; and

2 WHEREAS, Barbara Bush will be remembered for her sense of  
3 humor, her friendly and welcoming demeanor, and for being a  
4 force for good in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, Barbara Bush is survived by her husband, former  
6 President George H. W. Bush; five children, former President  
7 George W. Bush, former Governor Jeb Bush, Neil Bush, Marvin  
8 Bush, and Dorothy Bush Koch; 14 grandchildren; and seven  
9 great-grandchildren; she was preceded in death by her daughter,  
10 Robin Bush; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Barbara Pierce Bush and extend our sincere condolences to her  
14 family, friends, and all who knew, loved, or were inspired by  
15 her; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That Barbara Bush lived her life as a witty and  
17 independent minded bastion of devotion and support for her  
18 husband, her family, and for the causes that were near and dear  
19 to her heart; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Barbara Bush as an expression of our

1 deepest sympathy to her entire family.