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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 Irene Ruth Schindel of Naperville, who passed away on May 1, 2018 at the age of 100; and

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WHEREAS, Irene Schindel was born to Albert and Fredricka Blasing Hassert on April 13, 1918; she was raised in Will County, attended a rural one-room school through the 8th grade, and graduated from Lemont Township High School in 1936; she graduated from Joliet Junior College and earned a Bachelor of Arts from National Louis University; she completed graduate work at Northern Illinois University and married George Andrew Schindel on January 18, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Irene Schindel had a teaching career which lasted over 40 years; she taught at several rural schools and schools in Westmont, Warrenville, Woodridge, and Naperville; she retired in 1979 after teaching 5th grade at Beebe Elementary School in Naperville for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, After her retirement, Irene Schindel devoted much of her time to tutoring both children and adults who were learning English as a second language, teaching literacy skills to adults, and volunteering as a reading coach in public schools; and

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1 WHEREAS, Irene Schindel was a member of the Family Service
2 Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Will
3 County Farm Bureau, and the DuPage County Chapter of the
4 Illinois Retired Teachers Association, where she also served as
5 secretary; and

6 WHEREAS, Irene Schindel joined several women's golf
7 leagues, and played multiple times a week at White Eagle
8 Country Club as well as at Springbrook and Naperbrook Golf
9 Courses; she also stayed fit by walking, often along the
10 Naperville Riverwalk near her home; and

11 WHEREAS, Irene Schindel joined the Community United
12 Methodist Church in Naperville (formerly First Evangelical
13 United Brethren Church) in 1954 and was a member for over 60
14 years; she served as a children's Sunday School teacher and the
15 Women's Book Club secretary-treasurer; she participated in the
16 multi-cultural outreach team, attended the Forum adult class,
17 and worked on many committees; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout her adult life, Irene Schindel
19 traveled frequently, making her first cross-country road trip
20 to California in 1939 with a sister and brother; she visited
21 most of the states in the U.S. as well as countries in North
22 and Central America, Europe, North and West Africa, Asia, and

1 Australia; she made her last solo trip at the age of 91, and
2 her last family trip at the age of 96; and

3 WHEREAS, Irene Schindel enjoyed reading; she preferred
4 books, magazines, and newspapers to movies or television; she
5 loved spending time in her own yard where she tended her lawn
6 and garden until the age of 92; she and her husband shared an
7 appreciation for dance music, especially the big band sound of
8 the 1930s and 40s, and were members of a ballroom dance club
9 for decades; she enjoyed cooking and made traditional
10 midwestern fare, as well as gourmet dishes; she was also a
11 master baker; every Christmas she made intricately decorated
12 cookies for family and friends; her pies, cakes, and caramels
13 were always in demand; and

14 WHEREAS, Irene Schindel was preceded in death by her
15 husband, George; her parents; her older sister and her three
16 brothers and their spouses, Evelyn Homerding (John), Howard
17 Hassert (Dorothy), Roy Hassert (Irene), and George Hassert
18 (Blanche); her brother-in-law, Harold Thoman; her
19 parents-in-law, Edmund and Ida Hagemann Schindel; her four
20 sisters and three brothers-in-law and their spouses, Viola
21 Kinsey, Emma Bailey (Warren), Margaret Schultz (Ben), Gladys
22 Venard (Charles), Raymond Schindel (Alice), Edmund Schindel II
23 (Marion), and William Schindel (Betty); her brother-in-law,
24 Edward Heim; three nieces; and seven nephews; and

1 WHEREAS, Irene Schindel is survived by her loving daughter
2 and son-in-law, Carol and Hendrik Knipscheer; her
3 granddaughter, Christine Belling; her grandson and
4 granddaughter-in-law, Paul and Beth Knipscheer; her
5 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Nicholas Belling and
6 Christian and Ellis Knipscheer; her sister, Pearl Thoman; her
7 sister-in-law, Vernetta Heim; eight nieces; 11 nephews; many
8 great-nieces and great-nephews and their children; and her
9 long-time, dedicated caregiver, Karen Shirky, who devoted
10 herself to providing for Irene's needs for eight years;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Irene Ruth Schindel, and extend our sincere condolences to her
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Irene Schindel as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.