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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 Norma Jean Oberholtzer, who passed away on August 4, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Norma Oberholtzer was born in Chicago to Carl and Elizabeth (Mungo) Franzo on March 15, 1939; she was educated in Pontiac schools and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Illinois State University; she married Paul Gschwendtner in 1958 and Jack Oberholtzer in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, From 1980 to 2000, Norma Oberholtzer taught kindergarten, third, and fourth grades for the Pontiac Grade School district, where many students claimed her as their favorite teacher; from 2000 to 2009, she was an assistant instructional professor at Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Norma Oberholtzer was deeply committed to the cultural, social, and economic growth of the communities where she lived; she served as a councilwoman for the city of Pontiac; she was a member of Rotary Club International, Young at Heartland, and the Girls Night Out Club; she supported the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra and was a member of the Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington; and

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1 WHEREAS, Norma Oberholtzer played the piano, wrote plays,
2 hosted a radio program, and was an avid tennis player; she also
3 played bridge and Mahjong with friends and enjoyed spending
4 time with her family; and

5 WHEREAS, Norma Oberholtzer was preceded in death by her
6 first husband, Paul; her second husband, Jack; her son, Michael
7 Gschwendtner; an infant son, Daniel; her parents; and her
8 brother, Carl Franzo Jr.; and

9 WHEREAS, Norma Oberholtzer is survived by her daughters,
10 Laura (Dan Ibrahim) Kelly and Mari Lynn (Rod) Hoselton; her
11 daughter-in-law, Anita Gschwendtner; her sister, Arlene Moyer;
12 her brothers, Gregory Franzo and Robert Franzo; her
13 sister-in-law, Nanci Franzo; her grandchildren, Corey (Kara)
14 Jones, Lindsay (Jeremy) Thompson, Andrew Hoselton, Bradley
15 Hoselton, Ellie Gschwendtner, Kerry Gschwendtner, and Tracey
16 Gschwendtner; her great-grandchildren, Ricky Bradley, Reggie
17 Bradley, Brianna Bradley, Zoe Jones, and Lillie and Jase
18 Thompson; and her great-nephew, Adam Lopez; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Norma Jean Oberholtzer, and extend our sincere condolences to
22 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Norma Oberholtzer as an expression
3 of our deepest sympathy.