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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 Margaret "Peggy" Johnson of Danville, who passed away on December 24, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Peggy Johnson was born to Bill and Maryellen (Morrissey) Harmon on November 4, 1952; she spent her youth in New Orleans, Louisiana and graduated from Archbishop Chapelle High School in 1970; she moved back to Danville in 1974 and married Glenn R. Johnson at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Danville on October 11, 1975; and

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WHEREAS, Peggy Johnson started her career as a volunteer with the YWCA Women's Shelter in Danville; she was a court advocate and voice for women and children who were the victims of domestic abuse; she then became the program coordinator for the YWCA Women's Shelter and Sexual Assault Crisis Services; she worked for the YWCA Women's Shelter for almost 12 years; she served as Deputy Coroner in 1993 and was appointed to Chief Deputy Coroner a year later; in 1999, she was appointed Vermilion County Coroner and was elected to the position in 2000, serving the community for the next 16 years; and

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WHEREAS, Peggy Johnson was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Foundation, AMBUCS, the YMCA board, the

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1 Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association, and the
2 Illinois Association of County Officials; she regularly
3 volunteered to give lectures at local schools about her career;
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5 WHEREAS, Peggy Johnson loved to give out free hugs and
6 never met a stranger; after retiring from her position, she
7 enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and rarely
8 missed watching her Cubbies play; and

9 WHEREAS, Peggy Johnson was preceded in death by her
10 parents; her brother, Jack Harmon; her sister, Anne Harmon; her
11 nephew, John David Harmon; and her lifelong friend Bill Hagler;
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13 WHEREAS, Peggy Johnson is survived by her spouse, Glenn;
14 her sons, David (Haley McKenzie) and Jesse (Rebecca) Johnson;
15 her daughter, Sarah Johnson; her brothers, Pat (Patti), Mike
16 (Rita), and Tom Harmon; her sister, Suzie (Dale) Salonen; her
17 grandchildren, Audrey and Carson Strawser; and her special
18 friends and family, Nancy Harmon and Shelly Stout; therefore,
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20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Margaret "Peggy" Johnson and extend our sincere condolences to

1 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Peggy Johnson as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.