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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 Amelia Lenore Saccaro of Chicago Heights, who passed away on June 17, 2019 at the age of 95; and

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WHEREAS, Amelia Saccaro was born on November 8, 1923; from a young age, she had to work in order to support her family during the Great Depression; during World War II, she ran a truck stop and worked as a cook, waitress, and dishwasher; despite not attending high school due to work, she was able to earn her G.E.D. after the war and soon earned as many college credits as she could through the College Level Examination Program; and

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WHEREAS, Amelia Saccaro married her husband Quinn at the age of 19; she worked three jobs in order to send her daughters to private school in LaGrange; she instilled a reverence for education in her daughters which paved the way for them to earn multiple advanced degrees and careers in education; and

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WHEREAS, Amelia Saccaro was vivacious and jovial; she often discussed politics and religion with anyone she could and enjoyed sending birthday greetings; she saw both Elvis and Neil Diamond in concert and enjoyed listening to Waylon Jennings and Johnny Cash; she also made an excellent lasagna; and

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1           WHEREAS, Amelia Saccaro was preceded in death by her  
2 husband and her siblings, Joseph, Anna, Josie, Stanley, Alice,  
3 Helen, Bernice, Phillip, and Elizabeth; and

4           WHEREAS, Amelia Saccaro is survived by her daughters, Dr.  
5 Lynne and Bonnie(Joe) Steltenkamp; her grandchildren, Mikkin  
6 (Karl) Helvig and Nick Steltenkamp; her great-grandchildren,  
7 Tobiah, Esther, Naomi, and Asa Helvig; her sister, Frances  
8 Hoffman; her companion, Patton; her various nieces and nephews;  
9 and her dogs and cats; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Amelia Lenore Saccaro and extend our sincere condolences to her  
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
14 further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Amelia Saccaro as an expression of  
17 our deepest sympathy.