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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 Armina Elmas "Steffie" Kazarian of Lake Forest, who passed away on February 3, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Armina Kazarian was born to Abram and Elmas Bedrosian in Chicago on January 18, 1930; she grew up in Chicago and Milwaukee; she graduated from Lincoln High School; she earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin and her Master of Arts from Roosevelt University in Chicago; after college, she married John Kazar Kazarian, and they raised five children in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest; and

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WHEREAS, Armina Kazarian taught high school math in Waukegan for over 20 years, where she was known for her tenacity in the classroom and her dedication to her students; and

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WHEREAS, Armina Kazarian enjoyed playing bridge and tennis with friends and backgammon with her husband, children, and grandchildren; she traveled widely to Australia, China, Tibet, Europe, and to her ancestral homeland of Armenia; she loved the theater and volunteered as an usher to see as many shows as possible; and

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1 WHEREAS, Armina Kazarian was affectionately known as
2 "Mimi" to her grandchildren; she will be remembered as a
3 loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, teacher, grandmother,
4 and friend to many; and

5 WHEREAS, Armina Kazarian was preceded in death by her
6 eldest son, John Jr., and her husband of 66 years, John; and

7 WHEREAS, Armina Kazarian is survived by her children,
8 Stephanie (Brian) Kearney, Jacqueline (Peter Cunningham)
9 Kazarian, Gregory (Kim) Kazarian, and Stacey (Jim) Lareau; her
10 grandchildren, Kevin (Elizabeth) Kearney, Briana (Tony
11 Cappell) Kearney, Sima (Dorian Gehring) Cunningham, Liam
12 Cunningham, John T. Kazarian, Alexandra Kazarian, Kenneth
13 Kazarian, Samara Lareau, and Jackson Lareau; and her
14 great-grandchildren, Robbie, Margot, Brian, and Zulal;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Armina Elmas "Steffie" Kazarian and extend our sincere
19 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 her; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Armina Kazarian as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.