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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Margaret Anne Kenny McNally, who passed 4 away on March 11, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Margaret McNally was born on August 23, 1929 in 6 West Bend, Wisconsin; her parents were Delbert James and Olive 7 Anna (nee Kauffung) Kenny; and

WHEREAS, Margaret McNally attended Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and in 1952 and graduated from St. Louis University; as a college senior, she overlapped for one year at St. Louis University with her future husband, Dr. Randall E. McNally, a legendary Chicago surgeon, former United States Air Force doctor, and longtime cut man for the Chicago Blackhawks; they were married on June 20, 1953 at Holy Angels Church in West Bend, Wisconsin; together, they raised 10 children who have gone on to many illustrious careers, including a veteran of 3 White House administrations, an Executive Producer for Oprah Winfrey, a military hero and aircraft carrier pilot in the United States Navy and Marine Corps, a television, film, and Broadway actress, and a University of Chicago spinal surgeon; and

WHEREAS, Margaret McNally managed the medical practice of

- her husband for many years; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Margaret McNally was an active participant in many
- 3 charitable causes in Chicago; she served 2 tours of duty as
- 4 Chair of the Rush Faculty Wives and served in a leadership
- 5 capacity with the National Association for the Prevention of
- 6 Child Abuse; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Margaret McNally enjoyed cooking, shopping,
- 8 summer lakes, tennis, cycling, and skiing; she was also a
- 9 renowned entertainer who found improbable ways to stage events
- 10 with grace, nerve, and flair; she was widely considered a
- 11 founder and instigator of the round-the-world "birthday party
- 12 for Planet Earth" on New Year's Eve 1999, which featured
- 13 celebrations in each of the globe's 24 time zones at sites
- including Stonehenge, Red Square and the Taj Mahal and an epic
- 15 celebration at the Great Pyramid of Cheops; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Margaret McNally was preceded in death by 2
- 17 children, Anne Mary McNally and Lt. Cmdr. Randall E. McNally II
- 18 (USN) and 2 grandchildren, Sean Morrissey and Emmett Morrissey;
- 19 and
- 20 WHEREAS, Margaret McNally is survived by her husband of 61
- 21 years, Dr. Randall McNally; 8 children, Maureen Morrissey,
- 22 Patrick McNally, Tara Montgomery, Edward McNally, Sheila

- 1 McNally, Ryan McNally, Tom McNally, and McNally Sagal; 30
- 2 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; a sister, Janet Kenny
- 3 Koehn; and a brother, Col. Patrick D.J. Kenny (ret.);
- 4 therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
- 6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
- 7 family and friends, mourn the passing of Margaret Anne Kenny
- 8 McNally; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 10 presented to the family of Margaret McNally as an expression of
- 11 our sympathy.