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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 Mariclare Barrett of Oak Park, who passed away on September 4, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Mariclare Barrett was born on July 2, 1951 in Berwyn; her parents were Mary and Wendell Barrett; and

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WHEREAS, Mariclare Barrett graduated from Nazareth High School and earned her Bachelor of Arts at Michigan State University in 1973; in 1978, she became a physician assistant through Johns Hopkins University; in 1999, she joined Rosalind Franklin University as an assistant professor in the Physician Assistant Department and went on to teach a variety of subjects, including her favorite, "The Psychosocial Aspects of Patient Care", where she taught students to communicate about illness and mortality by sharing her own ongoing experience with stage-four breast cancer; and

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WHEREAS, Mariclare Barrett was the proud mother of six sons; she was a gifted storyteller who loved regaling friends with the antics and successes of her boys and her many wild but true tales about sideswiping President Bill Clinton's car, talking Charlie Trotter into catering a meal at her home, and serving vegetarian "ribs" at Mike Royko's annual Ribfest; she

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1 was also a freelance food writer under the name "Clare Obis"  
2 for Wednesday Journal in the 1980s and 1990s; and

3 WHEREAS, Mariclare Barrett is survived by her sons,  
4 Nicholas Hanuman, Quentin Barrett, Paul Wendell, Kevin  
5 Michael, Timothy Edward, and Gregory Patrick; her grandson,  
6 Yasan; her siblings, Barrie Jean, Terry, Rorie, and Kevin; her  
7 niece, Emily; her nephews, Nathan and Jesse; her several  
8 grand-nieces and grand-nephews; her many friends and  
9 colleagues at Rosalind Franklin and Northwestern Universities  
10 and St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Edmund Parishes; and her  
11 girlfriends, "The Crazies", with whom she shared a 35-year  
12 friendship; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her  
15 family and friends, mourn the passing of Mariclare Barrett; and  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Mariclare Barrett as an expression  
19 of our sympathy.