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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 Rosemary S. Argus of Des Plaines, who passed away on June 18, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Rosemary Argus was born to Joseph Lewandowski and Mary (Dziopa) Lewandowski in Chicago on August 29, 1936; and

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WHEREAS, Rosemary Argus served as a commissioner of the Mount Prospect Park District Board from 1974 to 2001, where she was the board's first female commissioner and served as its first female president from 1987 to 1993; during her tenure, she supported providing school children with hot lunches and creating before and after-school child care programs; she then served as an alderperson on the Des Plaines City Council, representing the 8th Ward, from 2001 to 2011, and she supported the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce; in addition to her tireless service to the communities of Mount Prospect and Des Plaines, she also worked full-time at United Airlines for over 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Rosemary Argus served as executive director of the Des Plaines Community Foundation beginning in the 1990s, which delivers Thanksgiving meals to families in need, donates wheelchair ramps to people with disabilities, offers college

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1 scholarships, and supports the community in other ways; she
2 was also the executive director of the Edward and Wanda Jordan
3 Family Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, Rosemary Argus was the recipient of several
5 accolades, including receiving the Inspire Award for Community
6 Service from Presence Holy Family Medical Center in 2017 and a
7 resolution commemorating her 25th anniversary as park
8 commissioner; her work was further recognized when the
9 Rosemary S. Argus Friendship Park was named in her honor; and

10 WHEREAS, Rosemary Argus was a woman of strong faith who
11 was fiercely dedicated to her family; she leaves behind a
12 legacy of love, compassion, advocacy, and empathy; and

13 WHEREAS, Rosemary Argus was preceded in death by her
14 parents; her husband, Donald Argus; and her brother, Joseph
15 (Terry) Lewand; and

16 WHEREAS, Rosemary Argus was the mother of Donald Argus,
17 Robert (Dina) Argus, Darlene (John) Joyce, and Deborah (Paul)
18 du Vair; the grandmother of 10; and the great-grandmother of
19 two; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Rosemary S. Argus and extend our sincere condolences to her
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Rosemary Argus as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.