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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 Lillian "Lil" Vail, who passed away on May 9, 2025 at the age of 89; and

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WHEREAS, Lillian Vail, who was originally from the Chicago area, moved with her husband, Tom, and their young family to Newtown, Connecticut in 1961; and

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WHEREAS, Lillian Vail led a vibrant life as a mother of four and became deeply involved in the community as an active member of the Newtown Garden Club and Jaycees, and she was a devoted 4-H leader and generous volunteer; and

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WHEREAS, Lillian Vail reentered the workforce, taking part-time roles at the local pharmacy and the Newtown Bee before transitioning to a full-time position as a biller at Danbury Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, Lillian Vail moved back to the Chicago area to assist in caring for her parents; she settled in Oak Park and embarked on a second career at Shaker Advertising, where she remained until retiring at the age of 73; and

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WHEREAS, Lillian Vail actively participated in the Women's

1 Cooperative and dedicated herself to Project Linus, crafting  
2 blankets for children with care and compassion; and

3 WHEREAS, Lillian Vail embraced her role as a grandmother,  
4 journeying across the country to be with her grandchildren;  
5 lovingly called "Gram", she expressed her affection through  
6 countless crafts, handmade Halloween costumes, babysitting,  
7 and generous servings of ice cream; and

8 WHEREAS, Lillian Vail was deeply proud of her Czech  
9 heritage and loved sharing family meals at Czech restaurants  
10 and baking kolachkes; in her later years, she cherished  
11 traveling to the Czech Republic with her oldest grandchildren;  
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13 WHEREAS, Lillian Vail was a passionate Chicago Cubs fan  
14 and an avid sports enthusiast, and she once achieved a perfect  
15 score in a Danbury bowling league; and

16 WHEREAS, Lillian Vail is survived by her children,  
17 Kathleen (Bob Boster) Vail, Nancy (Paul Dinsmore) Vail, Lucy  
18 (Chris Brown) Vail, and Patrick (Jennifer) Vail; her  
19 grandchildren, Peter, Carolyn, Ellen, Grace, Vinh, Hien, and  
20 Stella; her siblings, Lucy (Ken) Goetz and Chuck (Janet)  
21 Kalat; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 Lillian "Lil" Vail and extend our sincere condolences to her  
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Lillian Vail as an expression of our  
8 deepest sympathy.