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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 Martha "Marty" Heindel Tardy, who passed away on May 28, 2025 at the age of 90; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Tardy was born to Alice Pearsall Heindel and John Harold Heindel in Chicago on October 28, 1934; she was raised in River Forest and graduated from Oak Park River Forest High School in 1952, being voted most beautiful in her class; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Tardy earned a degree in sociology at Indiana University in 1956, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, becoming an active alumna for years to come; during her studies, she met her future husband, M. Eugene "Gene" Tardy Jr., and they married in 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Tardy worked for Eli Lilly for a few years while her husband, Gene, was in medical school before working as a mother and a volunteer; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Tardy was committed to community service, serving as a member of Infant Welfare Society Circle 31, past president of the OP-RF Day Nursery, campaign chair and a board member of the Community Chest, a Ravinia board member, and a

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1 member of the board of directors of the Oak Park Trust &
2 Savings Bank; and

3 WHEREAS, Martha Tardy served on several committees at
4 Indiana University in more recent years, including as a member
5 of the Executive Dean's Advisory Board of the College of Arts
6 and Sciences, chair of the Alumni Board of the College of Arts
7 and Sciences, and a founding member of both the Women's
8 Philanthropy Leadership Council and the Women's Colloquium
9 Steering Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, Martha Tardy received the inaugural Order of
11 Merit Award from Indiana University in 2010, where she
12 expressed her belief that women have the intellectual prowess
13 and economic stability to participate in philanthropic
14 discussions and therefore should have a seat at the table when
15 discussing philanthropy; and

16 WHEREAS, Martha Tardy advocated for health and
17 sustainability in the environment, specifically in Culver,
18 Indiana, where she was a past treasurer and campaign chair of
19 the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund; and

20 WHEREAS, Martha Tardy continued her community service at
21 her winter home in Naples, Florida, where she served as
22 condominium association president for many years, sat on the

1 Habitat for Humanity Selection Committee and chaired its
2 English as a Second Language program, was a valued member of
3 the Greater Naples Leadership Program Class XI, and sat on
4 both the Scholarship and Audubon Committees at Royal
5 Poinciana; and

6 WHEREAS, Martha Tardy was a dedicated lifelong learner and
7 a steadfast defender of those in need who thrived in her roles
8 as teacher, financial advisor, psychologist, chef, maid,
9 seamstress, party planner, and chief organizer; and

10 WHEREAS, Martha Tardy is survived by her husband of 68
11 years, Gene; her daughters, Sallie Jo (Chap) Mitzell, Karen
12 Tardy, and Elizabeth (Ron) Holloway; and seven grandchildren
13 and four great-grandchildren, Kimmie Mitzell, Katie (Kevin)
14 Fagan, James and Jack Fagan, Ben (Shaina Duecaster) Brown,
15 Austin and Mackenzie Brown, Alex (Nina Shriam) Brown, Channing
16 (Bella Valentini) Mitzell, Hannah (Josh) Kaegi, and Sam
17 (Bailey Poplin) Holloway; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Martha "Marty" Heindel Tardy and extend our sincere
21 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
22 her; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Martha Tardy as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.