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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 Joy Erlichman Miller of Nokomis, Florida, who passed away on December 6, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Joy Erlichman Miller was born to Harry and Dee (Kahn) Erlichman in Peoria on December 8, 1950; she attended Richwoods High School; she studied education at Southern Illinois University, and she received her Master of Arts in Counseling from Bradley University; she later received her Ph.D. with research focused on coping strategies of female holocaust survivors from Walden University; she married John Miller on October 17, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Joy Erlichman Miller taught at St. Philomena School and in Illini Bluffs School District #327, where she also became a school counselor; she practiced as a licensed clinical professional counselor and as a certified master addictions counsel for nearly 50 years, including opening her own practice, Joy Miller & Associates; after retiring from seeing clients, she founded Resiliency Productions, where she hosted the annual Resiliency and Happiness conference; she also served as a faculty member at Walden University and later at Bradley University; and

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1 WHEREAS; Joy Erlichman Miller wrote eight books focusing
2 on relationships, women's issues, and holocaust studies; she
3 hosted a weekly radio show and later a weekly mental health
4 television segment that ran for 25 years on WMBD and WEEK-TV;
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6 WHEREAS, Joy Erlichman Miller created the Peoria Holocaust
7 Memorial, and she chaired the Button Project, which collected
8 11 million buttons to honor the 11 millions holocaust victims;
9 she also served as the promoter, partner, and owner of the
10 Peoria Women's Lifestyle Show for 24 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Joy Erlichman Miller appeared on the Sally Jesse
12 Raphael Show, the Oprah Winfrey Show, the Jenny Jones Show,
13 the Montel Williams Show, and the Geraldo Rivera Show; her
14 works have been featured in various national magazines and
15 over 30 newspapers around the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Joy Erlichman Miller enjoyed traveling and
17 collecting; her greatest passion was photography, and she
18 loved to shoot pictures of nature, flowers, and especially
19 birds; and

20 WHEREAS, Joy Erlichman Miller had an incredible ability to
21 engage with those around her, connecting with people on a deep
22 and authentic level; she was happiest when spending time with

1 her family, especially her grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Joy Erlichman Miller is survived by her husband
3 of 45 years, John; her son, Josh Miller; her daughter-in-law,
4 Kelly (Katkowski) Miller; and two grandchildren; therefore, be
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6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Joy Erlichman Miller and extend our sincere condolences to her
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Joy Erlichman Miller as an
13 expression of our deepest sympathy.