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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 Sabina Ott, who passed away on June 28, 2018 at the age of 62; and

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WHEREAS, Sabina Ott was born to Jewish immigrants Aaron and Rita Ott, who landed in New York before settling in Los Angeles; she completed her BFA in painting at the San Francisco Art Institute in 1979 and earned her MFA in painting there in 1981; in the 1970s, when she was an art student at SFAI, she ran a space with her friends called Jetwave, a site for art, punk music, parties, and more; and

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WHEREAS, Sabina Ott had her first solo show at the Institute of Contemporary Art of Los Angeles in 1983; she then went on to participate in more than 100 international solo and group shows; and

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WHEREAS, Sabina Ott moved to Chicago in 2005 to lead the Art and Design Department at Columbia College, where she experienced a shift in her work and began to focus primarily on the public possibilities of her projects; she had the foresight and generosity to embark on projects that celebrated the here and now of Chicago's art world; and

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1           WHEREAS, Sabina Ott was known as "Artist Mother of  
2 Chicago"; she knew how to bloom where she was planted,  
3 catalyzing and connecting the artists in her community; her  
4 approach to people was as vast and welcoming as her approach to  
5 media; and

6           WHEREAS, Sabina Ott was a feminist to the core; a friend  
7 and Columbia College colleague said, "She made feminism a lust  
8 for life and magic moment...committing to activism and  
9 knowledge through joy and a dream of a better view from a wild  
10 space"; and

11           WHEREAS, Sabina Ott gave so much to so many; her sense of  
12 community was remarkable, and she strove to make people feel  
13 connected; to her loved ones, she was nonstop, exuding  
14 inimitable energy and conviction; and

15           WHEREAS, Sabina Ott was preceded in death by her parents;  
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17           WHEREAS, Sabina Ott is survived by her husband, John M.  
18 Paulett; her stepdaughter, Kelly (Craig) Mitchell; and her  
19 granddaughter, Hannah Mitchell; therefore, be it

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

1 Sabina Ott and extend our sincere condolences to her family,  
2 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Sabina Ott as an expression of our  
5 deepest sympathy.