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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 Ana (Agavnie) Paparigian of Waukegan, who passed away on May 3, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Ana Paparigian was born in Baku, Azerbaijan to Haroutiun and Nevart (Der Manuelian) Kasparian on December 15, 1920; her parents were early refugees from the Armenian genocide; the family emigrated to Cuba, where she excelled in school; on September 26, 1946, she emigrated to the United States; she married Merron Paparigian of Waukegan; and

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WHEREAS, Ana Paparigian was a professional seamstress along the North Shore area with clients ranging from brides and performers to politicians and professionals; her talent was creating stylish clothing without the need for extensive measuring; later in life, she completed approximately 1,000 crocheted afghans for family and friends across the United States, Armenia, Poland, Nagorno Karabagh, Cuba, and Mexico; and

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WHEREAS, Ana Paparigian was a founding member of the St. George Armenian Apostolic Church of Waukegan and a past president of the Women's Guild; she served the church in many capacities, including as a member of the altar guild and a chef

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1 for bake sales and picnics; she taught herself English,
2 Armenian, and Spanish and served as a translator for the grade
3 schools and legal community of Waukegan; she was an unofficial
4 ambassador for the Armenian community in Waukegan and regaled
5 visitors with her knowledge of the community's history; and

6 WHEREAS, Ana Paparigian was preceded in death by her
7 parents; her husband, Merron; her brother, Gaspar Kasparian;
8 and her great-grandson, Nickolas Wolf Knight; and

9 WHEREAS, Ana Paparigian is survived by her children, Nvart
10 Riley and Nishan (Joan) Paparigian; her sisters, Estrella
11 (Arpenig) Kasparian and Sara Perez Kasparian; her
12 grandchildren, Dr. Summer Knight, Adam Sharani, Jefri (Naomi)
13 Sharani, Chelsea (Jason) French, and Cory (Heather)
14 Paparigian; her seven great-grandchildren; and her many
15 nieces, nephews, and dear friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Ana (Agavnie) Paparigian and extend our sincere condolences to
19 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
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21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Ana Paparigian as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.