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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 Nancy J. "Nonie" Froelich of Bloomington, who passed away on July 17, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Froelich was born in Bloomington to Oscar George and Catherine Karr Hoose on November 6, 1930; she married William E. Froelich Jr. on November 25, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Froelich was a licensed funeral director for over 50 years and was a strong support to her husband and Froelich Memorial Homes and Heritage Enterprises; disappointed that she did not complete her college degree, she returned to school at the age of 59 and received her bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Froelich was active in many public service organizations, including the Gridley School Board, where she helped develop the Tri-County Special Education District; she served on various higher education boards, including the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, where she was chairman from 1984 until 1989, the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Citizens' Advisory Board, the Board of Higher Education, the State University Retirement System Board, and the ISU Board of Trustees; she served on the McLean County

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1 Board, where she served as board chair during the mid-1980s  
2 growth spurt and economic expansion of McLean County, and was  
3 instrumental in preserving the Old Courthouse, helping to  
4 transform it into the McLean County Museum of History; she  
5 served as secretary on the Museum's Board of Directors for many  
6 years and was a strong advocate for its growth; she served on  
7 the Board of the Mennonite College of Nursing and was a  
8 recipient of an honorary nursing degree for "her dedicated  
9 interest, support and understanding of the profession of  
10 nursing"; Mennonite School of Nursing said, "she was a builder,  
11 leader and role model for women in leadership"; and

12 WHEREAS, Nancy Froelich received many honors, including  
13 the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award, the IWU Distinguished  
14 Alumni Business & Professional Woman of the Year Award, the  
15 Bloomington Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow Award, the State of  
16 Illinois Preservation Award, the ISU John Maitland Jr.  
17 Commitment to Education Award, and the McLean County Mayors'  
18 Association Person of the Year Award and was named as a History  
19 Maker by the McLean County Museum; she was twice elected as a  
20 delegate to the Republican National Convention; and

21 WHEREAS, Nancy Froelich was committed to her faith and to  
22 Christ Community of Gridley; she served as the moderator of the  
23 First United Church of Gridley from 1978 until 1982, when the  
24 Congregational and Methodist Churches merged and the new church

1 was built; she highly valued her relationships with those she  
2 served and her community in Gridley and McLean County; she was  
3 a builder and a leader who worked to make the community a place  
4 where people could come together to grow and to share in the  
5 benefits of a strong educational and working foundation; she  
6 had a deep love for her family and taught them many valuable  
7 lessons about life; and

8 WHEREAS, Nancy Froelich was preceded in death by her  
9 husband, William, and her son, William E. Froelich III; and

10 WHEREAS, Nancy Froelich is survived by her children, Susan  
11 (Paul) Laiming, Craig (Barbara) Froelich, and David (Kathy)  
12 Froelich; her grandchildren, Paul (Melissa) Laiming, Katie  
13 (Shannon) Bachelor, Will (Shauna) Froelich, Nicholas (Brandi)  
14 Froelich, Churchill and John Froelich, Alex, Abbey, and Gabe  
15 Froelich, and Jake and Matt Froelich; her great-grandchildren,  
16 Sam, Anna, and Grace Bachelor, Abi, Esther, Paul III, Tuke,  
17 Asher, Kias, and Cru Laiming, Lani May, William IV (Buddy)  
18 Froelich, Annabelle and River Froelich, and Jasmyn Froelich;  
19 her sister, Susan Jefferson; and her nephews, Paul and Tim  
20 Jefferson and Rush Holt Jr.; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
23 Nancy J. "Nonie" Froelich and extend our sincere condolences to

1 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
2 further

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