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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 Mary Agnes "Midge" Langfelder of Springfield, who passed away on December 30, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Langfelder was born in Springfield to Ritter and Nellie (Manning) Dunham on January 19, 1931; in 1948, she attended St. Francis College in Lafayette, Indiana and then the School of the Art Institute of Chicago for one year; she married Oswald "Ossie" Langfelder at St. Joseph Church in Springfield on June 14, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Langfelder and her husband raised 13 children; 40 years later, she returned to college and earned her associate's degree in art from Lincoln Land Community College in 1993; she was a member of the first graduating class from the University of Illinois Springfield in 1998, earning a bachelor's degree in visual arts; she became the first recipient of the UIS Lifelong Learner Award and went on to teach art at St. Agnes Elementary School from 2001 until 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Langfelder lived a life of service; she was a dedicated member of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, a board member of the YWCA, a founding board member of the Mini

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1 O'Beirne Crisis Nursery, and a member of the Prairie Art
2 Alliance; she was a strong supporter of Ursuline Academy, the
3 Griffin band, and various other organizations; she enjoyed art,
4 traveling, playing bridge, being outdoors, carrying on the
5 Dunham family tradition of hosting chili dinners on Saturdays,
6 attending Springfield events, Broadway shows, and baseball;
7 she was a humble and caring person; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Langfelder was preceded in death by her
9 husband, Ossie; her parents; her sisters, Rita Blasko and Jean
10 Delaney; her brothers, Johnny, James, and Pete Dunham; and her
11 son-in-law, Steve Baker; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Langfelder is survived by her children, Joan
13 Baker, Jamie (Jim) Cour, John (Nancy Bahre), Joseph (Gale),
14 Judy (Dennis) Shackelford, Jim (Billie), Jackie (Al) Yoho, Jay
15 Paul (Amy), Janice Davis, Jeannie (Larry) Rockford, Joshua
16 (Angie), Jacob (John Carrara), and Julia (Dustin) Frevert; 31
17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, with 2 on the way; her
18 sisters, Margaret Lemanski and Judy Ansell; her sister-in-law,
19 Edith Raven; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins;
20 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 Mary Agnes "Midge" Langfelder and extend our sincere

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

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