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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 Staunton, who passed away on November 24, 2019 at the age of 90; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton was born Anna Jean O'Malley but was known as Nancy; she was born on November 18, 1929 in Englewood to Irish immigrants, the youngest child of four; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton attended St. Brendan's Church and Mercy High School; her father died when she was just a teenager, and her sister Sarah Margaret, who was ten years older, played a large part in her upbringing; she stayed close to her sister, as well as her other siblings until they all passed away; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1951 from St. Xavier College and took a nursing position at Mercy hospital, all while working as a part-time courier nurse for the Santa Fe Railroad on trips between Chicago and Los Angeles; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton met her husband, Patrick Staunton, in 1952, and they had six children together before moving to their home on Linden Avenue, where they lived for the next 28

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1 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton joined the League of Women Voters
3 in 1967 and spent over three years working on various issues
4 with the Board of Health Committee, the Racial Diversity Task
5 Force, and the Village Services Committee, as well as a
6 committee that performed an extensive study of Cook County
7 Government; her contributions were recognized with the Hazel
8 Hansen Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton returned to school in 1976 and
10 earned a Master of Public Health from the University of
11 Illinois at Chicago, which led to work in health care planning,
12 primarily with the Chicago Suburban Health Services Agency; and

13 WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton was elected an Oak Park village
14 trustee in 1985 and faced numerous complex issues during her
15 six year tenure, including gun control, recognition of AIDS,
16 policies on non-discrimination, recycling, economic
17 development, union/management disputes, and an investigation
18 of the police department conducted by author and lawyer, Scott
19 Turow; and

20 WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton served on the Institutional Review
21 Board of Loyola University Medical Center and the boards of the
22 Housing Center and the Family Services and Mental Health

1 Center; and

2 WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton also served on the Oak Park Board
3 of Health and helped start and staff a hospice group for the
4 Community Nursing Service in Oak Park, all while volunteering
5 at a variety of local organizations, including the Hemingway
6 Birthplace Home and Museum; and

7 WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton and her husband, Pat, retired and
8 spent time at their cottage in Coloma, Michigan; in her last
9 three years, she spent her time in Walnut Creek, California
10 with her daughters, Mary and Anne; and

11 WHEREAS, Nancy Staunton is survived by her children, Kevin
12 (Maria), Mary, Anne, Brian (Liz), Jane (Max), and Tom, and her
13 grandchildren, Jack, Kyle, Luke, Will, Van, Kevin, and Finn;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Nancy Staunton and extend our sincere condolences to her
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Nancy Staunton as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.