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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 Carole E. Sharp of Staunton, who passed away on July 20, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Carole Sharp was born in Osage, Iowa to Rosemarie (Wenninger) Elbert and Donald G. Elbert on November 15, 1947; she completed her high school education at the International School of Kuwait; she studied abroad at the American College in Paris, France and at the Beirut College for Women in Lebanon; she graduated from the University of Iowa; she married John F. Sharp at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Iowa City, Iowa on April 6, 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Carole Sharp taught German at Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto in the early 1970s; alongside her husband, she co-owned Party all the Time in Alton during the 1990s; she got involved in real estate in 2001, and she became a member of a sales associate team with her husband; together, they became part-owners of Coldwell Banker Neuhaus Real Estate in Staunton; and

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WHEREAS, Carole Sharp began volunteering at the Staunton Food Pantry in 1997, beginning a chapter of her life that would result in 20 years of dedicated service to her community; she

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1 raised awareness about hunger in the community and the
2 importance of the pantry through writing articles each week in
3 the Staunton Star-Times and Kwik Konnection, handwriting thank
4 you notes to every donor, and helping coordinate donation
5 drives; she became the pantry's director in 2001; under her
6 leadership, she assembled a team of volunteers who helped
7 oversee its tremendous growth, and the pantry went from feeding
8 15 families per month to as many as 60 families per month by
9 the mid-2000s; within her first four years of running the
10 pantry, she helped feed 10,000 people; she retired from the
11 Staunton Food Pantry on December 31, 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, Carole Sharp received a number of accolades for
13 her service to her community; she was nationally recognized by
14 Realtor Magazine in 2005, which awarded her with one of its
15 five "Good Neighbor" awards, an award given to realtors who
16 make an extraordinary difference to their community, nation, or
17 the world through volunteer work; she was then honored during
18 the National Realtors Conference in San Francisco, California;
19 she was named Staunton Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the
20 Year" in 2007; and

21 WHEREAS, Carole Sharp was lovingly known as "Maw Maw" by
22 her five grandchildren; she will be missed; and

23 WHEREAS, Carole Sharp was preceded in death by her parents

1 and her stepmother, Phyllis Elbert; and

2 WHEREAS, Carole Sharp is survived by her husband; her
3 children, John (Margaret Jayne) Sharp, Jim (Lisa) Sharp, and
4 Annmarie (Rudy) Angel; her grandchildren, Ethan Sharp, Jace
5 Sharp, Colton Sharp, Lila Sharp, and Brianna Angel; her
6 brother, Donald Elbert Jr. (Myrene); and her sister, Anne
7 Fratzke; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Carole E. Sharp and extend our sincere condolences to her
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Carole Sharp as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.