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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Anne (Peterson) Johnston of
4 Champaign, who passed away on January 18, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Anne Johnston was born in Chicago to Faye and
6 Peter Peterson on August 7, 1921; she attended the University
7 of Illinois, where she studied floriculture and became a
8 sorority member of Alpha Omicron Pi; she married Seely
9 Johnston in 1971, and he preceded her in death in 2001; and

10 WHEREAS, Anne Johnston was the proprietor of Campus
11 Florist in Champaign for 77 years; while a student at the
12 University of Illinois, she opened her shop on South Wright
13 Street in 1941; she later withdrew from school to concentrate
14 on her business; after a few months, she moved her business to
15 Green Street; she was the owner and operator of her business in
16 an era when there were not many women entrepreneurs, and she
17 helped to blaze that trail for the women who came behind her;
18 she closed the shop in October 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, Anne Johnston was an active member in a number of
20 organizations, including the Champaign Exchange Club, Altrusa,
21 and the Republican party; she was the president and secretary
22 for the Campus Business Men's Association; she was a lifetime

1 member of the Illini Quarterback Club and the Rebounders; she
2 served as a superintendent and flower judge for the Champaign
3 County Fair for a few years; she was a member of the First
4 United Methodist Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Anne Johnston was known for her fun, independent,
6 civic-minded, and generous spirit; she donated flowers and
7 gave of her time to many area organizations; alongside her
8 husband, she enjoyed traveling; outside of work, she enjoyed
9 reading and listening to big band music; she loved flowers and
10 animals; she will be remembered for being a phenomenal woman
11 ahead of her time; and

12 WHEREAS, Anne Johnston was preceded in death by her
13 parents and her husband; and

14 WHEREAS, Anne Johnston is survived by her good friend,
15 Phyllis Valentine (Rob) and their extended family; her
16 stepdaughter, Jan Johnston Glick (Jim), and their children and
17 grandchildren, Scott, Steve, Wendi, Cody, Janlynn, Steven,
18 Bradley, and Mikhi; and her cat, Gracie; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Anne (Peterson) Johnston and extend our sincere condolences to
22 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Anne Johnston as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.