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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 Sheila Tracy of Springfield, who passed away on September 24, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Sheila Tracy was born in Alton to John Eugene and Marian (O'Haver) Tracy on August 26, 1951; she had been a resident of Springfield since the age of 10; she graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1969; she earned both her bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Illinois at Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Sheila Tracy began working at University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) at a young age; she found her calling in education and started teaching at UIS after earning her master's degree; she began Girl Tech while at UIS, which encouraged middle school girls who were interested in science to continue studying it, and she was very proud of the program; she also served as a faculty advisor to the Catholic Students Organization; she officially retired from UIS in 2017, but she remained involved after her retirement; she began teaching technology at Christ the King School in 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Sheila Tracy was a member of Christ the King Church and was instrumental in the parish Why Catholic?

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1 program; she served as an eucharistic minister at Christ the
2 King Church and the Memorial Medical Center; and

3 WHEREAS, Mary Sheila Tracy enjoyed spending time with her
4 family and friends and was always available if someone needed
5 help; she was known for her home baked cookies that she gave to
6 coworkers, students, and friends; she was an avid seamstress
7 and quilter; she will be greatly missed; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Sheila Tracy was preceded in death by her
9 parents and her brother, Timothy Tracy; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Sheila Tracy is survived by her brother,
11 Terence M. Tracy; her sister, Eileen (Brad) Wisler; her niece
12 and nephew, Tracy (Kalvin) Davis and Brian Wisler; and her
13 great-niece, Blair Davis; therefore, be it

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

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Mary Sheila Tracy as an expression
21 of our deepest sympathy.