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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 Betty Maria Harwell, who passed away on October 22, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Harwell was born to Jesse and Melodia "Melody" Brister in Bogalusa, Louisiana on January 25, 1943; she attended Corpus Christi Elementary School and St. Thomas Apostle High School, both in Chicago; she married Lawrence W. Harwell Jr. on November 17, 1962, and he preceded her in death in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Harwell previously worked at Zenith Electronics and Libby's; she later worked at the Wrigley Company; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Harwell was deeply committed to her faith and was a dedicated member of St. Sabina Catholic Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, a Eucharistic minister, and a member of the hospitality ministry; she belonged to the leadership committee of the 106-Block Club in Chicago, and she was a social justice advocate and a firm believer in cultivating healthy communities; she enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends; and

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1           WHEREAS, Betty Harwell never ceased to learn and grow  
2           spiritually, mentally, and emotionally; she was an avid  
3           champion for being the change you want to see in the world; she  
4           leaves behind a great legacy of strength, wisdom, faith, and  
5           togetherness; she was greatly loved and will be missed by  
6           many; and

7           WHEREAS, Betty Harwell was preceded in death by her  
8           husband; her parents; and her siblings, Charles Brister and  
9           Melvin Morgan; and

10           WHEREAS, Betty Harwell is survived by her siblings, Joseph  
11           Brister, Johnetta Morgan, Victor Morgan, Mary Morgan, Barbara  
12           Morgan, Carl Morgan, Yolanda Morgan, Linda Morgan, and Yvette  
13           Morgan; her children, Bryant L. Harwell (Patricia), Eric V.  
14           Harwell (Robyn), and Derrick A. Harwell (Sherizod); the  
15           children she shared with her husband, Beverly Ryan, LeRoy  
16           Harwell, and Marvin Nunn (Cynthia); and her many grandchildren  
17           and great-children; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
19           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20           Betty Maria Harwell and extend our sincere condolences to her  
21           family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
22           further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Betty Harwell as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.