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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 Gale F. (Richman) Rothner, who passed away on October 26, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Gale Rothner was born in Chicago in 1945; she played piano as a child, giving recitals and winning prizes; she studied at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; she married Eric "Rickey" Rothner in 1986; and

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WHEREAS, Gale Rothner became a professional artist; she also worked at CBS Studios in Chicago for a time; and

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WHEREAS, Gale Rothner, alongside her husband, owned and operated Hunter Management, Inc., which manages long-term care facilities; and

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WHEREAS, Gale Rothner and her husband were inseparable in life, business, and philanthropy; together, they funded major Jewish causes, including the Jewish United Fund (JUF), Agudath Israel, JCC Chicago, JCFS Chicago, all Chicago-area Jewish Day Schools, and many other institutions; they bought the Millard House, built by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1906, in Highland Park in 2016; they restored and updated the house for several years before gifting it to JUF, with proceeds designated for CJE

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2 WHEREAS, Gale Rothner was a member of the Congregation
3 K.I.N.S., where she spearheaded a renovation project for its
4 building; she was noted for taking on projects others feared
5 to tackle, completing them with her personal flair and style;
6 she also created exquisite needlepoint work; and

7 WHEREAS, Gale Rothner was known for being unassuming,
8 quiet, strong, independent, and a fighter; she will be
9 remembered as a committed, compassionate, and dedicated woman
10 who changed her community and the lives of many; alongside her
11 husband, she built legacies in business, philanthropy, and
12 communal leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, Gale Rothner was the beloved wife of Eric
14 "Rickey" Rothner; the loving mother of Kimmi Rudolph, Adam
15 (Lisa) Vales, and Katy (Josh) Silvers; the proud grandmother,
16 or "Bubby", of 12; and the dear sister of the late Melvyn
17 (Betty) Richman; 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 Gale F. Rothner 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 Gale Rothner as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.