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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 Ellen Marie Goodner Russell of Danville, who passed away on December 25, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Ellen Russell was born to Gene "Buck" and Mary Clearwater Goodner in Danville on October 21, 1956; she received her nursing education from what is now the University of Indianapolis; she married Jim Russell in Danville on June 28, 1992; and

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WHEREAS, Ellen Russell was a registered nurse; over the course of her career, she did almost every job in the nursing field except teaching; she was noted by coworkers for serving patients with compassion, integrity, and honesty and was especially skilled when dealing with difficult cases or questions; she began her distinguished career serving the disabled residents of Danville Manor and area veterans through the VA Illiana Healthcare System and retired as a nurse case manager from OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville; and

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WHEREAS, Ellen Russell and her husband enjoyed traveling in recent years; she especially loved going to the beach with her granddaughters; she also enjoyed hosting large family gatherings at her home; and

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1           WHEREAS, Ellen Russell was preceded in death by her  
2 parents and her older sister, Becky Chambliss; and

3           WHEREAS, Ellen Russell is survived by her husband, Jim;  
4 her stepsons, Brad (Kami) and Brian (Becky); her  
5 granddaughters, Jeanna, Jillian, Mackenzie, Macie, and Morgan;  
6 her Goodner brothers, John (Linda), Jeff (Teresa), Steve  
7 (Sara), and Scott (Barb); her chosen sisters, Gale Defenbaugh,  
8 Bess Huls, Sharon Detamore, and Barb Calvin; her special  
9 cousin, Lu Ann Picklap; and her large extended family;  
10 therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Ellen Marie Goodner Russell and extend our sincere condolences  
14 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be  
15 it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Ellen Russell as an expression of  
18 our deepest sympathy.