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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 Frieda "Fritzie" (Weiss) Fritzshall, who passed away on June 19, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Fritzie Fritzshall was born in Klucarky, Czechoslovakia on August 21, 1929; when the Nazis invaded her country in 1944, her family was forced into a ghetto before being deported to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, and the Nazis murdered her mother, two younger brothers, and other family members; she endured torture at Auschwitz and a related forced labor camp for one year; after escaping during a death march, she was finally freed by the Soviet Army in 1945; and

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WHEREAS, Fritzie Fritzshall immigrated to the United States after the war, where she was reunited with her father; she married Norman Fritzshall, a World War II veteran who had been a prisoner of war in the Pacific theater, and he preceded her in death in 2003; she worked as a hairdresser; and

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WHEREAS, Fritzie Fritzshall was a longtime advocate for preserving the stories and legacy of Holocaust survivors; she served as president of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, the third largest Holocaust museum in the

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1 world; and

2 WHEREAS, Fritzie Fritzshall spent her life fighting
3 against hatred and prejudice and encouraging people to become
4 upstanders rather than bystanders; she was relentless in
5 combatting hatred by sharing her story as a survivor of the
6 Holocaust and her insights on anti-Semitism and the refugee
7 crisis; and

8 WHEREAS, Fritzie Fritzshall was the wife of the late
9 Norman; the mother of Steven (Hinda Meadow) Fritzshall; the
10 grandmother of Scott and Andy Fritzshall; the sister of two
11 late brothers; the daughter of the late Herman and Sarah; and
12 the aunt, cousin, and friend of many; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Frieda "Fritzie" (Weiss) Fritzshall and honor her service to
16 the people of Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Fritzie Fritzshall as an expression
19 of our deepest sympathy and in gratitude for her work and her
20 lifetime of public service.