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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 Janice "Jan" Boess Geist, a longtime resident of Des Plaines, who passed away on January 7, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Jan Boess Geist was born to Murray and Phillipine Boess in Evanston on October 14, 1935; she graduated from Evanston High School and then married Walter Geist; and

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WHEREAS, Jan Boess Geist worked as a graphic arts designer for many years at the Des Plaines Journal and later at the Contemporary Publishing Group in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Jan Boess Geist enjoyed volunteering at the Des Plaines Public Library, where she joined the Friends of the Library group, assisted with the annual used book sales, and helped others learn how to read in their ESL classes; and

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WHEREAS, Jan Boess Geist was actively engaged in the First United Methodist Church in Des Plaines and was on many leadership committees over the years; and

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WHEREAS, Jan Boess Geist was an avid music lover and had

1 season tickets throughout her life for the Lyric Opera of
2 Chicago; one of her fondest memories was meeting Luciano
3 Pavarotti and getting his autograph; she was a world traveler,
4 but one of her favorite places to spend time was in Colorado;
5 she was a dedicated Chicago Cubs fan her entire life; and

6 WHEREAS, Jan Boess Geist was preceded in death by her
7 parents; her brothers, Murray and Eugene; her sister, Barbara;
8 and her former spouse, Walter; and

9 WHEREAS, Jan Boess Geist is survived by her children,
10 Walter (Peggy), David (Debora), Richard (Bridgett), and Steven
11 (Ray); her grandchildren, Jason, Natalie, Carrie, Zachary, and
12 Sarah; her great-grandchildren, Evelyn, Lucy, and Naomi; and
13 her dear friend, Joanne Maresso; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Janice "Jan" Boess Geist and extend our sincere condolences to
17 her 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 Jan Boess Geist as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.