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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 Diann Marie Bennett of Petersburg, who passed away on March 5, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Diann Bennett was born to George S. and Marian E. Davis in Bennington, Kansas on December 7, 1928; she graduated from Wamego High School and Kansas State College in Manhattan, Kansas with high honors; and

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WHEREAS, Diann Bennett taught high school mathematics prior to moving to Illinois and raising her family; and

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WHEREAS, As her children began to graduate, Diann Bennett returned to school in her 50s, attending Lincoln Land Community College; with her new computer skills, she set up accounting systems as the office bookkeeper for R&H Home Supply; she finally retired at age 91; and

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WHEREAS, Diann Bennett was a member of the Petersburg United Methodist Church and served in numerous local organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Petersburg Town and County Women's Club, Cub Scouts, Brownies, New Salem Shooting Stars, and United Methodist Women; and

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1 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Diann Bennett enjoyed having
2 visitors, playing cards, growing and arranging flowers,
3 swimming, reading, raising cats, tutoring, and visiting her
4 family near and far; and

5 WHEREAS, Diann Bennett was known for her positive energy,
6 giving heart, humor, and sense of adventure; she will be
7 missed for her unconditional love, ready laugh, sage advice,
8 listening ear, love of life, and sweet smile; and

9 WHEREAS, Diann Bennett was preceded in death by her
10 parents; her sister, Alice Hartig; her cousin, James Chaffee;
11 and her son, Stuart Bennett; and

12 WHEREAS, Diann Bennett is survived by her children, Liane
13 (Greg) Hammer, Harold (Gaylene) Bennett, Susan (Dayton) Wilde,
14 and Karen (David) Higginbotham; her grandchildren, Tavelle
15 (Shirley) Hammer, Shalika Hart, Zein Hammer, Erin (Danny)
16 Bennett, Elliot Bennett, Sami (Dominick) Quinn, Benjamin
17 (Jordan) Wilde, Martha Wilde, Caitlyn Higginbotham, and Joseph
18 Higginbotham; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and
19 nephews; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Diann Marie Bennett and extend our sincere condolences to her
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Diann Bennett as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.