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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 Ann Shalla of Chicago, who passed away on June 25, 2022 at the age of 84; and

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WHEREAS, Ann Shalla was born to Ray Hamill and Donna (Blake) Simpson in New York, New York on April 10, 1938; and

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WHEREAS, Ann Shalla graduated from University High School in Champaign in 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Ann Shalla married Theodore Shalla in 1957 and moved to Chicago, where she had two sons, then divorced and pursued an acting career; and

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WHEREAS, Ann Shalla lived in Franklin Park, Chicago, and Oak Park in Illinois, in South Pasadena, Hollywood, and North Hollywood in California, and in Green Valley, Arizona; and

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WHEREAS, Ann Shalla performed on the television show Matlock; she also won a world record for laughing, a record that stood at four hours and six minutes on the David Frost special; she worked for Actor's Equity in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Ann Shalla had a lifelong love for all forms of

1 creativity, including acting, comedy, performance,
2 architecture, interior design, sewing, fine arts, music, and
3 cooking; she had an exuberant and friendly personality,
4 leading her to make friends all over the world; she was always
5 the life of the party and was a passionate supporter of women's
6 rights and the rights of marginalized people; and

7 WHEREAS, Ann Shalla was preceded in death by her sister,
8 Jean Simpson Sheets; her brother, David Kim Simpson; and her
9 dogs, Kerrie and Marilyn; and

10 WHEREAS, At the time of her passing, Ann Shalla was
11 survived by her sons, Quintin and Kevin (Tory Ferrara); her
12 brothers, Jim (Teri) Simpson, Bob Simpson (Betty Anderson),
13 and Frank (Suzan) Simpson; her grandchildren Luke (Angelina
14 Lucero), William, and Jamie; her nieces and nephews, Kathy
15 Kramer (Suzzy McCafferty), Justin Simpson, Josh Simpson
16 (Natalie Baxter), Larkin (Peter) O'Leary, and Harriet (Ben)
17 Hollingsworth; her former sister-in-law, Kris Simpson; and her
18 dear friends, Sally Havens, Kayri Mealy, Kathy Lamkey, Hal
19 Baim, Pat Benson, and Kay Thompson; 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
22 Ann Shalla and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
23 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Ann Shalla as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.