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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 Catherine Sue "Cathy" Houghtby of Springfield, who passed away on March 31, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Cathy Houghtby was born to John and Mary (Vukelich) Green in Litchfield on October 19, 1955; she attended Holy Trinity Catholic School; she graduated from Mount Olive High School and Lincoln Land Community College; she completed additional paralegal studies at Lake Land College; she married Jerry Houghtby in 1991, and they later divorced, remaining dear friends; and

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WHEREAS, Cathy Houghtby spent nearly four decades helping senior citizens throughout the State of Illinois, working in partnership with senior groups as well as multiple State agencies and service groups; in her early years, she worked for Senior Citizens Legal Services in Effingham, educating older adults about benefit programs and assisting them with legal complaints; she also worked as a coordinator with the Governor's Office of Senior Involvement, where she helped State Representative Josephine Oblinger respond to various issues affecting seniors, including medical services and housing; for the last 25 years of her career, she worked as a senior advocate and special events coordinator for the

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1 Illinois Department on Aging, and she was especially known for
2 her role in coordinating activities at the Illinois State Fair
3 Senior Center; she retired in 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Cathy Houghtby always brought energy and
5 enthusiasm to her work and to everyone she touched; she will be
6 remembered for her kind, caring, generous, and fun-loving
7 spirit; and

8 WHEREAS, Cathy Houghtby was preceded in death by her
9 parents and her brothers, John "Jack" Green, James "Beaver"
10 Green, and William "Bill" Green; and

11 WHEREAS, Cathy Houghtby is survived by her brothers, Frank
12 Green and Charlie (Harriet) Green; her special friend and
13 mentee, Thomas Mansberger; and many nieces, nephews, and
14 friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Catherine Sue "Cathy" Houghtby and extend our sincere
18 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 her; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Cathy Houghtby as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.