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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 Donna L. (nee Bost) Cervini of Oak Park, who passed away on March 25, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Donna Cervini was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; she attended Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia and worked as an elementary school teacher; she married Lawrence Cervini and they settled in Oak Park in 1967; in 1971, she began attending Northwestern University Law School, graduating in 1975; and

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WHEREAS, Following graduation, Donna Cervini worked for the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation and in private practice; in 1985, she was appointed an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, retiring in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Donna Cervini devoted much of her time to charitable and community service, including the Pittsburgh Catholic Interracial Counsel, the Oak Park Housing Center, the Oak Park-River Forest Citizens Committee for Human Rights, the St. Giles Family Mass Community, the Lawyers' Assistance Program, which she co-founded and served as chair for 14 years, the Illinois Child Death Review, the American Bar Association Commission for the Impaired Attorney, the Oak Park Police and

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1 Fire Commission, and International Women Associates of Chicago
2 (2000-2004); she also volunteered with the West Suburban PADS
3 Shelter in Oak Park; and

4 WHEREAS, Donna Cervini marched for Civil Rights,
5 participated in the anti-apartheid movement for South Africa,
6 and was a draft counselor against the Vietnam War; and

7 WHEREAS, Donna Cervini loved to travel; she was an avid
8 snow skier and scuba diver with hundreds of dives all over the
9 world; and

10 WHEREAS, Donna Cervini was the former spouse of the late
11 Lawrence A. Cervini; the loving mother of Cynthia E. Cervini
12 and Christine C. (Joe) Wong; the daughter of the late Mary
13 Ellen (nee McDermott) and the late John William Bost; the
14 sister of Joanne (Steve) Halle, Mary (Mike) Silbaugh, Faith
15 (Alan) Katchmar, Jim (Jackie) Connolly, Carol (Gary)
16 Ostrander, and Nancy Makela; the proud grandmother of Drew,
17 Siena, and Stephen Wong; the aunt of Matthew (Michelle) and
18 Joshua Heckel; the longtime friend of Paul Moroney and his
19 family; and many more; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Donna L. Cervini, and extend our sincere condolences to her

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family and friends of Donna Cervini as an
5 expression of our deepest sympathy.