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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 Geraldine A. "Gerri" Brauneis of Oak Park, who passed away on February 29, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Gerri Brauneis was born on September 10, 1930; her parents were the late Robert and Jean Riddell; and

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WHEREAS, Gerri Brauneis was a graduate of Stanford University and the Chicago-Kent College of Law; she practiced family law for many years in the Chicago area; and

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WHEREAS, Gerri Brauneis was known for her warmth, enthusiasm, and profound commitment to family life, community organizing, and peace and justice activism; she was deeply involved in community organizing and social campaigns concerning race, interfaith and Israeli-Palestinian relations, gun control, homelessness, torture prevention, and voting rights; she was well known for her infectious commitment to her causes and her personal humility; and

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WHEREAS, Gerri Brauneis would greet her fellow activists by telling them that they were marvelous and that she did not know how they did everything they did; and

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1 WHEREAS, Gerri Brauneis was a long-time member of the
2 Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine and the St.
3 Giles Family Mass Community, including the Action for Justice
4 Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, Gerri Brauneis was the beloved wife of William C.
6 "Bill" Brauneis; the mother of Robert (Ulrike), James (Laurie),
7 Steven (Masako), and Laura (William Rentz) Brauneis; and the
8 grandmother of Elizabeth and William J. Brauneis, Kate
9 Brauneis-Krull, Kai and Sho Brauneis, and Sophia-Marie Rentz;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Geraldine A. "Gerri"
14 Brauneis; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Gerri Brauneis as an expression of
17 our sympathy.