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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 Janet L. Smith of McHenry, who passed away on September 10, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Smith was born in Woodstock to Gerald and Joan Larkin on April 3, 1952; she graduated from McHenry Community High School in 1970; she received her nursing degree from Alverno College in 1974; she married John Smith on January 24, 1975; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Smith began her nursing career as a Registered Nurse in the Obstetrics Department at Woodstock Memorial Hospital; she was a Certified Childbirth Educator and taught Lamaze classes for expectant mothers throughout McHenry County for over 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Smith was involved with many charitable organizations and fundraising events, including acting as a local coordinator of mail donation campaigns for the American Cancer Society and American Heart Organization; for many years, Janet led the local "Love Lights a Tree" fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, during which she personalized Christmas ornaments, which were then placed on a tree in a prominent local business; and

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1 WHEREAS, Janet Smith was a founding member of the Centegra
2 Mad Hatter's Fundraising Committee, which benefitted women's
3 health in McHenry county; she was also the leader of the design
4 committee for the McHenry Riverwalk Foundation and selected the
5 railings, lights, and gazebo for the Riverwalk; she also
6 participated in numerous fundraisers for Marian Central
7 Catholic High School; she received the distinction of becoming
8 the first Honorary Marian Central Catholic High School Alumni;
9 in 2009, she received the Frank E. Low Award for her lifelong
10 community service involvement in the city of McHenry; she was a
11 member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR); and

12 WHEREAS, A devout Catholic, Janet Smith was a member of St.
13 Patrick Church, where she sang in the choir; her family fondly
14 referred to her as "Sister Janet Mary" due to her strong faith
15 and commitment; she was greatly admired for her strong faith,
16 modesty, generosity, clean-living lifestyle, meticulous
17 organization skills, and her compassion for anyone in need of
18 help; the strongest force in her life was her love of family
19 and friends; she cherished the many vacations she enjoyed with
20 her family and close friends and the time spent with her family
21 and grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Janet Smith was preceded in death by her father;
23 and her brother-in-law, Nick Hodge; and

1 WHEREAS, Janet Smith is survived by her husband of 42
2 years, John; her sons, Scott (Denise) Smith, Patrick (Lindsay)
3 Smith, and Jonathan (Emily) Smith; her grandchildren, Amelia,
4 Cameron, Abigail, Addison, Natalie, Kinley, and Charley; her
5 mother, Joan Larkin; her sisters, Nancy Cook, Sally Hodge, Ann
6 (Frank) Cuda, Julie (Tom) Sharp; her brother, Jerry (Melinda)
7 Larkin; her aunts, Mary Durland and Mitzi Griffin; and her many
8 nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Janet L. Smith, and extend our sincere condolences to her
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Janet Smith as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.