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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 Margery D. Shinners of Oak Park, who passed away on April 25, 2017, at the age of 51; and

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WHEREAS, Margery Shinners, the youngest of 10 children, was born in Sandwich to Richard "Dick" and Carolyn Duffy on August 11, 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Margery Shinners grew up on a farm where she became accustomed to cooperative living and learning skills, which served her well and informed the management style she used in her professional life; and

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WHEREAS, Margery Shinners, earned a bachelor's degree in communications from DePaul University and a master's degree in social work from Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Margery Shinners was employed, starting in 1996, by what is now known as the Mainstreet Organization of Realtors (MORE); she first worked as its technology director and also served as Deputy CEO of MORE from 2004 to 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Margery Shinners became CEO of the Mainstreet

1 Organization of Realtors in 2017; she managed the day-to-day  
2 operations of MORE and its 31 employees, working with the MORE  
3 Board of Directors, implementing strategic initiatives and  
4 policies and managing finances; and

5 WHEREAS, Margery Shidders established MORE's Global  
6 Business Council, which provided international opportunities  
7 for the organization's members; she led delegations to  
8 Springfield, Washington, D.C., and around the world to  
9 countries such as Czechoslovakia and China; and

10 WHEREAS, Margery Shidders, prior to working at MORE, worked  
11 at Moore Data Management Services and CONDEX Multiple Listing  
12 Service; and

13 WHEREAS, Margery Shidders was well-respected as a focused,  
14 personable leader who helped shepherd Mainstreet through many  
15 changes during her more than 20 years with the organization;  
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17 WHEREAS, Margery Shidders was also credited for enhancing  
18 Mainstreet's reputation for professionalism and high-quality  
19 services, as well as shaping an internal culture of support and  
20 growth for its staff; and

21 WHEREAS, Margery Shidders was known by family and friends

1 to give great advice and professional guidance; she was known  
2 to be intelligent and trustworthy; she was dedicated to her  
3 work and to those with whom she worked side-by-side; and

4 WHEREAS, Margery Shinnners' hobbies included reading,  
5 searching out recipes, and cooking; her deepest joy was  
6 traveling near and far with her husband and children; and

7 WHEREAS, Margery Shinnners' last wish was to establish the  
8 Margery Shinnners Leadership Fund that would promote the  
9 leadership of young women in their pre-professional and  
10 professional careers; and

11 WHEREAS, Margery Shinnners was preceded in death by her  
12 parents; her brothers, Edward and Robert Duffy; and her  
13 brother-in-law, Dennis Voga; and

14 WHEREAS, Margery Shinnners is survived by her husband,  
15 Brian; her daughter, Kelsey; her sons, Nathaniel and Benjamin;  
16 her sisters, Melody (Margaret McAlpin) Duffy, Patricia Voga,  
17 Jane (Steve) Wolf, Mary (David) Breeden, Carol (Frank) Evans,  
18 and Joanne (Patrick) Resendiz; her brother, William (Maureen)  
19 Duffy; her sister-in-law, Phyllis Duffy; and many nieces and  
20 nephews; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Margery D. Shinnners, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Margery D. Shinnners as an expression  
7 of our deepest sympathy.