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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 Anne E. DeDobbelaere of Elgin, who passed away on October 24, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Anne DeDobbelaere was born in Elgin to Bob and Maureen (Sullivan) DeDobbelaere on March 17, 1960; she graduated from the Bartlett Learning Center in 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Anne DeDobbelaere worked as a bagger at Jewel-Osco, where she never missed a day of work in 28 years; and

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WHEREAS, Anne DeDobbelaere was a decorated Special Olympics athlete; she started track and field at age nine and competed in the 1979 Special Olympics World Summer Games when she was 18; she won a gold medal, two silver medals, and a bronze medal in cross-country skiing at the 2001 World Winter Games in Alaska; she amassed hundreds of medals for competing in basketball, volleyball, aquatics, rhythmic gymnastics, softball, and cross-country skiing at national and international events; and

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WHEREAS, Anne DeDobbelaere was the Grand Marshall of the Elgin 4th of July parade in 2001; she was the recipient of the

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1 Outstanding Achievement Award from the Elgin Sports Hall of
2 Fame; she attended Sunday services with her parents at St.
3 Thomas More Catholic Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Anne DeDobbelaere enjoyed sports and loved to be
5 on the team; she will be remembered for her fierce
6 competitiveness, work ethic, and outgoing personality; and

7 WHEREAS, Anne DeDobbelaere is survived by her parents; her
8 siblings, Tim (Luz), Jay, Matt (Joan), and Joe (Joni); and her
9 nephews and niece, Ryan, Jack, Adam, Max, Kevin, Will, Sammy,
10 and Meg; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Anne E. DeDobbelaere and extend our sincere condolences to her
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Anne DeDobbelaere as an expression
18 of our deepest sympathy.