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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 Barbara Furlong of Oak Park, who passed away on October 2, 2017, at the age of 85; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong was born in Cleveland, Ohio on November 28, 1931; she attended Notre Dame College in Euclid, Ohio and was certified in medical technology at University Hospital in Cleveland; and

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WHEREAS, After moving to Oak Park, Barbara Furlong became deeply involved in her community, including decades of involvement in organizations and commissions such as the Community Relations Commission, the Oak Park Housing Center, the Parents' Human Relations Commission at Oak Park and River Forest High School, the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus, and the Village Manager Association; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong served as a village trustee from 1989 to 1993, where she earned a reputation as an effective and much appreciated leader; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong was tapped to run for and won the race for Oak Park Village President, due in large part, she felt, to her longtime involvement in the community; she held

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1 the office from 1997 to 2001; and

2 WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong's tenure as village president was  
3 defined by tackling issues such as racial integration, gay  
4 couple registration, and affordable housing; and

5 WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong noted that economic development  
6 was a top priority during her time in office and became a  
7 champion of purposeful economic growth; and

8 WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong was described as having quiet  
9 perseverance, grace, and focus; she was known to be always  
10 steady and strong, which made her an effective leader; and

11 WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong, after retiring from her career as  
12 a medical technologist in 1992, became a dedicated volunteer  
13 with the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust and earned a  
14 25-year service pin for her volunteer work with the League of  
15 Women Voters; and

16 WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong was preceded in death by her  
17 beloved husband, William R. "Bill" Furlong; and

18 WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong was the mother of Mary (Jere)  
19 Mendelsohn, Thomas (Ann Williams), Timothy (Gayle), and Matt  
20 (Julia) Furlong; grandmother of Nathan and Rachel Mendelsohn,

1 Christopher Furlong, Michael (Carmen), Rebecca (Eric) Duenke,  
2 Emily, Sarah, Hannah, Peter and Jonathan Furlong, and Jayne,  
3 James, and Jennifer Furlong; great-grandmother of Ian and Evan  
4 Duenke; sister-in-law of Jack (Kit) Furlong; and loving aunt to  
5 many; therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Barbara Furlong, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
10 further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Barbara Furlong as an expression of  
13 our deepest sympathy.