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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 Anna Marie Abdula of Waukegan, who passed away on August 25, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Abdula was born in Duluth, Minnesota to Mary and Tom Brackett on February 16, 1928; her family relocated to Waukegan in 1933, and she graduated from Waukegan Township High School in 1947; she joined St. John's United Church of Christ, where she sang in the choir and was a soloist for many special occasions; she married Fred Abdula in 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Abdula, along with her husband Fred, founded Air Con Refrigeration and Heating, a successful Waukegan-based business now in its second generation of operation; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Abdula was active in the local community; she volunteered at local hospital nurseries and at her children's school, where she was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the PTA and was a founding member of the Washington School Book Club; she also participated in several fundraising events which benefitted local hospitals, such as the Festival of Trees, Chef's Cuisine and the Affair of the Heart; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Abdula and Fred were philanthropists and

1 donated resources for projects such as the refurbishment of the
2 Genesee Theater; their generous donation created the Abdula
3 Scholarship at the College of Lake County in 1995; her
4 achievements and contributions to causes that promoted the
5 advancement of women were recognized by the Park Place Center
6 and the Waukegan Township Board when she was presented with the
7 Woman of Honor Award in 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, Anna Abdula was never one to turn down a new
9 challenge, and she took up golf in her late fifties; she
10 enjoyed playing with her friends in the Ladies' League at the
11 country club; in her free time, she enjoyed baking, gardening,
12 entertaining, caring for her pets, and traveling; she will be
13 remembered for her roles as devoted wife, loyal friend, beloved
14 sibling, and loving mother; and

15 WHEREAS, Anna Abdula was preceded in death by her husband
16 of 63 years, Fred; her parents; her sister, Lois Brackett
17 Sisty; and her brother, Tom Brackett; and

18 WHEREAS, Anna Abdula is survived by her children, Linda
19 (James) Considine, Patrick Abdula, Michael Abdula, and Lisa
20 Abdula; and her many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Anna Marie Abdula and extend our sincere condolences to her
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Anna Abdula as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.