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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 Dawn Elaine Miller of Mundelein, who passed away on May 18, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Dawn Miller was born in Chicago to John and Gwendolyn Schey on February 6, 1942; she earned a degree in gemology from Boston University; and

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WHEREAS, Dawn Miller and her husband, Marvin, owned and operated bakeries in Mundelein (Miller's), Lindenhurst (Countryside), and Round Lake (Joseph's); she also worked for Rogers and Holland Jewelers; and

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WHEREAS, For over 42 years, Dawn Miller was a passionate leader for public education; she served Diamond Lake District 76 as a school board member and parent from 1973 to 1984; she spent nine years on the Mundelein High School District 120 board, four years as president, and would hand out a dollar bill as she congratulated each graduate noting, "This is the first dollar your high school graduation has earned you."; from 1990 to 1992, she served as vice president of the Illinois Association of School Boards; in 1992, she became a field service director and later director of executive searches for the Illinois Association of School Boards, where she served for

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1 21 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Dawn Miller also served on task forces and special
3 commissions for the National Association of School Boards and
4 the U.S. Department of Education; she was a frequent presenter
5 at numerous national and state school board and school
6 administrator conferences; her children established the Dawn
7 E. Miller Spirit of Education Foundation, which annually
8 presents a scholarship to an Elementary District 76 graduate
9 and Mundelein High School graduate who embodies Dawn's spirit
10 of service and lifelong dedication to education and its ability
11 to enrich communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Dawn Miller served as a Lake County Republican
13 precinct committeeman and Lake County chairwoman; and

14 WHEREAS, Dawn Miller loved precious stones, including the
15 numerous stones she obtained during her 25th anniversary cruise
16 with Marvin to South America; she loved all things Disney World
17 and her beloved Great Danes, and for over 25 years she bred and
18 showed many champion Great Danes; and

19 WHEREAS, Dawn Miller supported the downtown business
20 community's Gypsy Days, Jaycees Chicken Dinners, and Mundelein
21 Junior Football as a cheerleading coach; she enjoyed her life
22 as a snowbird and loved her hideaway community home in Ft.

1 Myers, Florida, especially Merion Village and its Thursday
2 night patio events and Monday night bingo and trivia; and

3 WHEREAS, Dawn Miller was preceded in death by her husband,
4 Marvin; her daughter, Laura Joy; her sister, Debra Oliva; and
5 her brother, Scott Schey; and

6 WHEREAS, Dawn Miller is survived by her children, Marvin
7 (Karen), Geoffrey (Sharon), Melody Miller Clegg (Dan), Valery
8 Gallagher (Peter), Heather Miller Brown, and Dr. April Miller;
9 her grandchildren, Stephanie, Alison (David Jarquin), Geoffrey
10 Jr., Steven, Addison, Clark, Arthur, "her little buddy" Owen,
11 Patrick, and Brendan; her great-grandchildren, Nathaniel and
12 Alex; her sister, Jacqueline Goczeski; her brother, John
13 (Deborah) Schey; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Dawn Elaine Miller, and extend our sincere condolences to her
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Dawn Miller as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.