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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 Mary Alice Lanagan, who passed away on August 28, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lanagan was born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas to Otis and Katie Duncan on September 10, 1936; she met her husband, Aaron "AW" Lanagan, in Steele, Missouri in 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lanagan was an entrepreneur, leader, and pioneer in the world of business; she founded several businesses with her husband, Aaron; for over 25 years, they owned and operated the Cheri-Tan Restaurant, Lanagan's Lounge, the Gold Crest Grocery, the Nic-n-Pic Grocery, and the Colossal Shrimp House; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lanagan had a love of cooking and mastered it out of her desire to continuously learn; she collected over 200 cookbooks and had binders full of recipes; she enjoyed watching the Food Network and numerous cooking shows; she loved the revelry of people and welcomed all with open arms, love, laughter, and a home-cooked meal; she had a vibrant personality and inspired others; and

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WHEREAS, As a young girl, Mary Lanagan attended St. Paul

1 Missionary Baptist Church in Steele, Missouri; after moving to
2 Chicago, she became a member of Beth Eden Baptist Church; she
3 later joined St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Lanagan was preceded in death by her parents;
5 her husband, Aaron; her brothers, Jodie and Billy; and her
6 sisters, Helen and Fairy; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Lanagan is survived by her children, Cherry
8 (Stacy), Samara (Jermaine), Tangie (Floyd), and Nicholas
9 (Dorian); her grandchildren, Rachel (Kevin), Chase, Erin, and
10 Bryce; her brother, James Duncan; her sisters, Margaret Snell,
11 Maudell Sands, and Dorothy Jean Davis; and numerous of nieces,
12 nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

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

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Mary Lanagan as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.