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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 Elaine Russell Brown of Highland Park, who passed away on January 7, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Brown was born in Chicago on February 14, 1929; she grew up in the Austin neighborhood in a family of Jewish immigrants from Romania and Russia; her father died of wounds sustained in World War I, shortly before the start of World War II; after high school, she began studies at what was then Rockford College; she earned her bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; she married Roger Brown on May 16, 1953; shortly thereafter, they moved to Highland Park; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Brown served on the research staff of Chicago's Field Museum for nearly 50 years, concentrating in mammalogy and specializing in New World species; she was a participant on several of the museum's research expeditions to Brazil's Cerrado and Atlantic Coastal forests; she was also the author of an important treatise on marsupials; the scientific community recognized her work and named a number of tropical mammals and birds in her honor; a curatorial position in ornithology at the Science Museum of Minnesota bears her name, as well as a nature reserve that forms part of the Chicago

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1 Botanic Gardens; and

2 WHEREAS, Barbara Brown enriched the community; she joined  
3 the Highland Park Library Board, served on the city's  
4 Environmental Commission, was a guide at the Heller Nature  
5 Center, and volunteered at her children's elementary schools  
6 and at their many extracurricular activities; she also served  
7 on the Woman's Board of the Field Museum and the Chicago  
8 Botanic Garden Board; she was president of the Evanston North  
9 Shore Bird Club for decades; and

10 WHEREAS, Barbara Brown was a dedicated birdwatcher and  
11 "birded" throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, and  
12 Central America; she traveled the world with Roger as well,  
13 attended the four grand Slam tournaments, and visited London,  
14 Rome, Paris, Tbilisi, Tehran, and Yogyakarta; she regularly  
15 engaged in tennis and swimming; she enjoyed gardening,  
16 classical music, mysteries, and Asian art; and

17 WHEREAS, Barbara Brown is survived by her husband, Roger;  
18 her children, Jeffrey, Owen, Andrew, Henry, and Vanessa; her 18  
19 grandchildren; and her seven great-grandchildren; therefore,  
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Barbara Elaine Russell Brown and extend our sincere condolences  
2 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be  
3 it further

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