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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 Harriet McLaughlin Rose of Mahomet, who passed away on August 5, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Harriet Rose was born in Sparta to Harry and Nina (Lindsay) McLaughlin on February 23, 1934; she attended Sparta High School, where she was a cheerleader and a member of the band and was nominated to the homecoming court as a freshman; her family moved to Fairfield, where she finished high school and was in the band and was the cheerleading captain; she was also awarded the 4-H Outstanding Member Award for the State of Illinois, which earned her a trip to the national 4-H convention; she was instrumental in creating the Fairfield water safety life guard program that still continues; she attended the University of Illinois, where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority, was on the women's synchronized swimming team, and was nominated for homecoming queen as a freshman; and

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WHEREAS, Harriet Rose began a career in higher education at the University of Michigan; she then became the assistant to the dean of MacMurray College in Jacksonville, a post she held for almost half of her career; in Jacksonville, she also developed a lifelong passion for tennis and was known to drop

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1 everything to watch a grand slam final; and

2 WHEREAS, As a single mom, Harriet Rose returned to school
3 and completed a bachelor's degree from the University of
4 Illinois Springfield and a master's degree in business
5 administration; in 1986, she began working as an administrative
6 director at Eastern Illinois University, where she retired in
7 2002; during her Charleston years, she was a proud member of
8 the OBS ladies club, taught adjunct business classes at Lake
9 Land College, and was a member of First Presbyterian Church;
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11 WHEREAS, Harriet Rose was knowledgeable about classical
12 French antiques and had a keen eye for decorating and for all
13 things fashion; she loved the arts, particularly art museums
14 and Broadway shows; her other passion was anything related to
15 the news and current events; she was a lifelong Republican and
16 chair of the Republican Women's Club of Morgan County during
17 the Cold War; she traveled extensively during this time period
18 of her life, including a trip to Russia as a guest of the
19 Deputy U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union; and

20 WHEREAS, In retirement, Harriet Rose enjoyed attending the
21 U of I Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's classes on current
22 events and writing, which led to her composing a book for her
23 family, My Southern Illinois Heritage. A Memoir; she attended

1 many Illinois Alumni Association and Eastern Illinois work
2 alumni events; she loved and very much enjoyed her
3 grandchildren, to whom she will forever be known as "HaHa"; and

4 WHEREAS, Harriet Rose was preceded in death by her parents
5 and her sister, Nellie Wineland; and

6 WHEREAS, Harriet Rose is survived by her son, Illinois
7 State Senator Chapin (Camille) Rose; her grandchildren, Jack,
8 Annie, Kira, and Grace; her sister, Mabelle Wexler; her
9 brother-in-law, Gene Wineland; her nephews, Tom (Audrey)
10 Wineland and Tom Hirte; her niece, Stacy Given; and numerous
11 other extended family members; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Harriet McLaughlin Rose and extend our sincere condolences to
15 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Harriet Rose as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.