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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 Diane Grace Zimmer Fascione of Oak Park, who passed away on April 16, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Diane Fascione was born in Cincinnati, Ohio to Ralph and Ina Orqvist Zimmer, who instilled in Diane and her brother their pride in their Finnish heritage; and

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WHEREAS, Diane Fascione loved music and was an extremely talented singer; she used this talent in the choir at the First United Church of Oak Park and the Encore Chorale; she was also an art enthusiast, as well as a talented actress and teacher; she had a great passion for theater and painting, which she imparted to her children and the students she taught; and

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WHEREAS, Diane Fascione met her husband, Chris, in the back of a taxi in January 1985, as they both waited with the director, the driver of the cab, for the theatre to be opened for the rehearsal of a play in which they were both cast; the script was "not very good" but led to a partnership bonded by their shared love of laughter, The Princess Bride, and vanilla malts; and

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WHEREAS, Diane Fascione was a leader in her community, the

1 welcome committee and social fabric and organizer of her 500
2 and 600 block Woodbine family, and an advocate for the
3 underdog; she was known as Diane "Glimmer of Hope" Zimmer to
4 many, as she possessed an innate sense of citizenship and
5 sought truth and equality for all; she worked passionately for
6 peace and justice in the area, hosting postcard-writing parties
7 for Democratic candidates and causes in which she believed; she
8 donated her time and talent to many causes, including animal
9 rescue and nature conservation; she was the author of a regular
10 voting guide to judicial vacancies in the area and the
11 coordinator of the local chapter of POCHA, a support group and
12 resource for parents of children with allergies; and

13 WHEREAS, Diane Fascione made meaning out of everything; she
14 strived to seek anything that would inspire awe and would point
15 people toward life's meaning; she learned about the game of
16 baseball so that she could bond with her husband and, later,
17 her sons; she embraced National Independent Bookstore Day
18 because it involved some of her favorite activities, reading,
19 walking, and hugging; she became another sister to her
20 sisters-in-law and was particularly supportive during their
21 mother's battle with Parkinson's disease; and

22 WHEREAS, Diane Fascione is survived by her husband, Chris;
23 her sons, Nick and Andrew; her brother, Matt; her
24 sisters-in-law, Secky and Nina; and many nieces, nephews, and

1 friends; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Diane Grace Zimmer Fascione and extend our sincere condolences
5 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Diane Fascione as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.