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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 Elizabeth "Bette" Ann Rackauskas of Bloomington, who passed away on November 24, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Rackauskas was born in St. Paul, Minnesota to Lt. Col. (USMC) Richard Karl and Harriet McCarr Davis; she graduated from Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Rolling Meadows and continued her education at the Cook County School of Nursing; she earned her registered nursing license at the St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago in 1974; she married Dr. Gregory George Rackauskas on October 26, 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Rackauskas began her career at Cook County Hospital and continued with opportunities in Bloomington, where she and her husband started his private dental practice; throughout her life, she held many roles when working in medical practices, in interior design, and in her volunteer activities; she was generous with her time, her creativity, and her leadership skills; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Rackauskas served her community as a Girl Scout Troop leader and an active supporter of the Central Catholic High School Parents Club; she helped raise funds for

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1 the American Red Cross; she was an appointed member of the
2 Bloomington Planning Commission and a member of the
3 Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of
4 Directors; she spent a decade as an elected official on the
5 McLean County Board; and

6 WHEREAS, Bette Rackauskas was full of love and especially
7 enjoyed cooking for her family; she welcomed everyone into her
8 home and supported her children in all their endeavors; she
9 made every holiday magical and loved teaching her children
10 about their Lithuanian heritage; and

11 WHEREAS, Bette Rackauskas was preceded in death by her
12 parents and her brother, CPT (US Army) Casey Davis; and

13 WHEREAS, Bette Rackauskas is survived by her husband of 45
14 years, Greg; her children, Analiesa (Michael) Dickson, Dr.
15 Vanessa Rackauskas, CDR (US Navy) Preston (Bridget)
16 Rackauskas, Jarrod (Kelly) Rackauskas, Dr. Cassandra (Cory)
17 Matney, Lorelei Samuelson, Natasha (Brandon) Long, and
18 Marshall Rackauskas; her grandchildren, Madeline, Paxton,
19 Jack, Eli, Christianson, Ava, Clark, Harper, Clyde, and
20 Josephine; her brothers, Michael (Doreen) Davis, Kelly
21 (Debbie) Davis, and LTC (US Army) Patrick (Elizabeth) Davis;
22 and her sisters, Mary Davis Schoneman, Terri (Rick) Kerwin, and
23 Kathleen (Eric) Barr; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Elizabeth "Bette" Ann Rackauskas and extend our sincere
4 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 her; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Bette Rackauskas as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.