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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 Margaret Anne "Peg" Palmquist Ransom of Libertyville, who passed away on December 6, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Peg Ransom was born in Davenport, Iowa to Margaret Victoria Burchell and Herman Philip Palmquist on August 13, 1935; she graduated from Davenport High School and from Augustana College in 1957, where she majored in English and speech and was named Aglaia (now the National Mortar Board); she was an award-winning debater and orator and placed first in Iowa high school state debate and second in national college oratory; and

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WHEREAS, In 1957, Peg Ransom began teaching high school English and speech at Beloit High School; she then taught at Lake Forest High School and Warren Township High School; she retired from teaching in 1965; she started her business career in 1972 at Sara Lee Bakery as a clerk and then worked as tour supervisor, market research analyst, and consumer services manager; she retired in 1989 as Manager of Public Affairs and Public Relations; her favorite recollection was coordinating the visit of President Ronald Reagan; and

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WHEREAS, In 1989, Peg Ransom founded Ransom Public Service

1 Consultants; her professional honors included being named to
2 the Outstanding Young Women of America, Who's Who of American
3 Women Millennium Edition, Who's Who in America, and Who's Who
4 in the World Millennium Edition; and

5 WHEREAS, As a volunteer, Peg Ransom created, funded, and
6 programmed a course in human relations for 250 area teachers;
7 in preparation for child advocacy, she was a sworn officer of
8 the court and was also a literacy volunteer in the county jail;
9 she was featured on national television and wire services for
10 her rescue of a two-year-old child; and

11 WHEREAS, Peg Ransom was a member of First Presbyterian
12 Church of Libertyville, the Public Relations Society of
13 America, the Grocery Manufacturers of America, the American
14 Association of University Women, and Gardner's of Central Lake
15 County; and

16 WHEREAS, Peg Ransom is survived by her husband of 59 years,
17 David Duane Ransom; her son, David Burke Ransom; her grandson,
18 Dylan Lory Ransom; her brother, Richard Herman Palmquist; and
19 her nieces and nephews, Philip (Robyn) Palmquist, Steven
20 (Natalya) Palmquist, Mary (Dave) Petrie, Timothy (Terri)
21 Palmquist, Carol (Steve) MacNeill, Steven (Allison) Ransom,
22 and Debra (Phil) Williamson; 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 Margaret Anne "Peg" Palmquist Ransom 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 Peg Ransom as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.