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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 Catherine M. Petrak of Benld, who passed away on December 5, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Petrak was born to Myrlee R. Staples and Mae E. (McNaugh) Staples in Alton on October 19, 1932; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Petrak worked for Laclede Steel, Mid-State Stone Quarries, Edwardsville Community School District #7, the Macoupin County Circuit Clerk's Office, and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Petrak was elected to three terms as Benld City Clerk; she was a former township assessor and served on the Macoupin County Board and as a precinct committeeperson; she was a member of the Benld Area Democrat Women's Club and the Gillespie Area Democrats; she was appointed to the Illinois Valley Economic Development Board and was a member of the Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland; she was also an active member of Build Benld; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Petrak was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Robert Rudin and Roy Staples; and

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1 WHEREAS, Catherine Petrak is survived by her children,
2 Channing Smith Petrak (Robert) and Jody Petrak, and her
3 grandchildren, Gillian Smith and Emerson Smith; therefore, be
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5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Catherine M. Petrak and extend our sincere condolences to her
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Catherine Petrak as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.