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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 Laura Kay Berry of Springfield, who passed away on March 19, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Laura Berry was born to Donald and Beverly (Fryhoff) Skeels in Springfield on March 12, 1959; she married John Berry in Springfield on April 11, 1987; she earned her degree in Court Reporting from Brown's Business College; and

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WHEREAS, Laura Berry was an official court reporter for the State of Illinois, working at the Sangamon County Courthouse for 44 years; before her passing, she planned to retire in July 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Laura Berry was an avid Chicago Bears fan and a Jeep enthusiast, and she enjoyed flower gardening; she also enjoyed going on any beach vacation, but she had a special love for Ft. Myers Beach; and

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WHEREAS, Laura Berry adored her family; she was a very generous person and the ultimate hostess; she enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events; and

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1           WHEREAS, Laura Berry was preceded in death by her father  
2 and her maternal and paternal grandparents; and

3           WHEREAS, Laura Berry is survived by her husband; her  
4 daughters, Elyse (Ryan) Berry and Emma Berry; her mother; her  
5 grandchildren, Adelyn, Lakyn, Briggs, and Hudson; her  
6 siblings, Jeffrey Skeels and Lezlie (David) Brannan; her  
7 half-sister, Jessica Call; her many nieces, nephews, and  
8 cousins; and her lifelong best friend and sister-in-law, Jill  
9 McCurley; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Laura Kay Berry and extend our sincere condolences to her  
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
14 further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Laura Berry as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.