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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 Deborra Lynne Broughton of Springfield, who passed away on March 26, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton was born in West Frankfort to Floyd and Winifred Roberts Gloyd on April 25, 1955; she graduated from Southeast High School in 1973 and married Donald Dean Broughton II; and

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WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton loved her work in the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk's office; she especially enjoyed being the court clerk to Judge Leslie Graves; she then served as assistant to Circuit Clerk Paul Palazzolo; her previous employment included Horace Mann, Charles Robbins Real Estate, the Life Underwriters Association, Brother James Court, the American Cancer Society, and Children's Place; and

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WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton was a member of the Springfield Jaycees Women's Group; when the group merged with the men's group, she continued her service in the Springfield Jaycees; she was involved in many events such as the Labor Day MDA telethon, the Easter Seal Telethon, Lincolnfest, Air Rendezvous, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Pleasant Plains School District Referendum Campaign, and

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1 countless other events either through employment or through her  
2 many years as a Springfield Jaycee; she was awarded Key Woman  
3 of the Year in 1982-1983 and her work with the MDA Telethon  
4 earned her the Community Project of the Year in 1987; she also  
5 volunteered with the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts; and

6 WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton was active in local Republican  
7 politics; she helped on many campaigns as a volunteer  
8 coordinator; she worked as an election judge for many election  
9 cycles; and

10 WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton and her husband had a passion  
11 for volunteering, traveling, and socializing together; they  
12 traveled to Florida each year and to the Hawaiian Islands to  
13 celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton loved Christmas; her house was  
15 adorned each year with a minimum of four trees, each with its  
16 own separate theme and hundreds of beautiful ornaments; and

17 WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton and her husband never missed any  
18 event that their kids participated in no matter where or when;  
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20 WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton enjoyed archiving photographs  
21 and making scrapbooks; she was an expert in card-making; and

1           WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton was preceded in death by her  
2 parents and her mother-in-law, Sharon Broughton; and

3           WHEREAS, Deborra Broughton is survived by her husband,  
4 Donald; her daughters, Kristy Semanik, and Amber (Pat)  
5 Broughton-Howk; her sons, Eric Broughton, and Donald Dean  
6 Broughton III; her grandson, Billy Semanik; her cousin, Jim  
7 Roberts; her father-in-law, Donald Broughton; her  
8 brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Denise (Chris) Harney, Pam  
9 (Doug) Barringer, Gary (Mary) Broughton, Phil (Vickie)  
10 Broughton, and Jenny Broughton; and many nieces and nephews;  
11 therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Deborra Lynne Broughton, and extend our sincere condolences to  
15 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
16 further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Deborra Broughton as an expression  
19 of our deepest sympathy.