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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 Nancy M. Godar of Godfrey, who passed away on April 6, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Godar was born to Marjorie and Lambert Hoffman in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 6, 1943; after her father was killed in action in World War II in 1944, she was later adopted and raised by Walter E. Bensman; she married Neil J. Godar at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton on August 1, 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Godar began her career as a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton; she also worked at OSF St. Anthony's Hospital in the ICU and at Alton Memorial Hospital in medical and surgery; she was best known for her time working at Dr. Thomas Morrissey's Pediatric office in Godfrey and later for Dr. Khaldoun Elzoobi and Dr. Gita Malur; she loved working as a nurse and continued working per diem throughout the COMPASS system at St. Anthony's with several different physician's offices as well as offering shots at VNA Health Care; she made many great friends along the way until her retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Godar was a longtime member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church where she taught and was in charge of the

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1 Parish School of Religion program and was very active for years  
2 with the church choir; she loved going to The Muny every  
3 summer, which was time she treasured with her family; she loved  
4 to travel and visit her brothers and sisters in Colorado and  
5 Oregon; she was very active in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the  
6 Alton Children's Theater, and was a member of the Godfrey  
7 Women's Club; she also enjoyed embroidery, cross stitching, and  
8 sewing; and

9 WHEREAS, Nancy Godar was preceded in death by her parents,  
10 Marjorie and Lambert Hoffman; and

11 WHEREAS, Nancy Godar is survived by her husband of 52  
12 years, Neil J. Godar; her children, Joseph (Denise) Godar,  
13 Donna (Scott) Taul, Debbie Godar and her friend, Scot Lang,  
14 Lisa (Carmon) Taylor, Cindy (Joel) Curry; her 17 grandchildren,  
15 Tyler and Ryan Godar, Nathan Taul, Kelsey (Nathan) Schulz,  
16 Jessica and Jared Taul, Ashley (Sam) McKinney, Amber  
17 (Johnathan) Jordan, Christian Shank, Sabrina and Matthew  
18 Fairless, Morgan and Sydney Giron, Veronica and Anakin Taylor,  
19 and Austin and Hannah Curry; and her siblings, William (Nancy)  
20 Bensman, Bonnie Mills, Walter (Ginger) Bensman Jr., and Mary  
21 Lee Bensman; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Nancy M. Godar, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Nancy Godar as an expression of our  
6 deepest sympathy.