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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 Lisa Ann LaForge, who passed away on June 29, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Lisa LaForge spent her career as a social worker, and she was committed to helping the clients of the Family Service Association of Greater Elgin, where she was the Executive Director; she worked tirelessly with the Board, the leadership team of the association, and staff to improve the lives of many; and

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WHEREAS, One of Lisa LaForge's crowning achievements was the instrumental role she played in starting the Screening, Assessment, and Support Services Program in the State of Illinois; she was the leader that brought the program to Family Service Association; she worked together with Illinois officials for many years to bring together a crisis system that was, and still is, responsive to youth experiencing significant mental health distress; and

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WHEREAS, Lisa LaForge also played a substantial role in the Mental Health Juvenile Justice Program; she worked together with local courts, the juvenile detention center, and probation departments to create a work flow that allowed for youth to

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1 receive community based services prior to their release from  
2 the detention center; she was a pioneer, and she won the Elgin  
3 Image Award for her outstanding work in advocacy while also  
4 running a highly reputable, financially solvent organization  
5 that responds to community needs; and

6 WHEREAS, Lisa LaForge was a good friend, mentor and  
7 colleague to many; she was a dedicated daughter, sister, and  
8 aunt; she was fun and funny, regaling all with a wicked sense  
9 of humor and an infectious laugh; and

10 WHEREAS, Lisa LaForge is survived by her parents, Peter and  
11 Peggy LaForge; her brothers, Philip (Patricia) and Steven  
12 (Julie); her nieces and nephews, Peter, Claire, Jonathan, and  
13 Lorisa; and many cousins; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Lisa Ann LaForge and extend our sincere condolences to her  
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Lisa LaForge as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.