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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 K. Girton of Oakwood, who passed away on May 24, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Laura Girton was born in Erie, Pennsylvania to Louis J. and Nancy (Munz) Gizoli on October 13, 1966; she graduated from McDowell High School and earned her bachelor's degree in education from Penn State University in 1988; she received her master's degree in education administration from Eastern Illinois University in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Laura Girton started her career at Bismarck-Henning Elementary School in 1994; she spent 12 years as a 1st grade teacher, and the last 12 as principal; she spent countless hours searching for new and innovative ways to make the school day more enjoyable and productive for the students and staff; she started the Mileage Club, Lunch on the Lawn, Principal Pals, and family involvement nights; and

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WHEREAS, Laura Girton never missed an opportunity to root on Penn State football and Cardinals baseball; her greatest joy was being in the stands cheering on Zack and Kyle at all of their events; she also looked forward to the annual gathering of her extended family at her parents' lake home; and

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

3 WHEREAS, Laura Girton is survived by her parents; her
4 husband of 28 years, Derek J Girton; her sons, Zachery L.
5 Girton and Kyle J. Girton; her sisters, Deanne (Andrew)
6 Potalivo and Christine (Christopher) Morrow; her nephew, Ryan
7 Morrow; and her nieces, Meghan Morrow, Paige Potalivo, and
8 Payton Potalivo; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Laura K. Girton, and extend our sincere condolences to her
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
13 further

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