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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 Ruth M. (Mortenson) Kennedy of Joliet, who passed away on October 11, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Kennedy was born in Barnesville, Minnesota to Martin and Erlyce (Nelson) Mortenson in 1936; she earned her degree from North Dakota State University; shortly after graduation, she met her future husband, Daniel Lennon Kennedy; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Kennedy was a pioneer in politics and a lifelong environmental and animal activist; she was elected to the Will County Board, where she served from 1974 until 1996; while a member of the Forest Preserve Board, she spearheaded the acquisition and expansion of forest preserve land throughout the county; she was also one of the founding members of the Will County Humane Society, the original no-kill facility in the county; her garage served to house the first kennels until property was purchased in Shorewood, where the Humane Society still operates today; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Kennedy was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel; her parents; and her siblings, Renee Edenstrom, Bud Mortenson, Anne Daly, Edna Christenson, and Harriett Gooddahl;

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2 WHEREAS, Ruth Kennedy is survived by her children, Daniel
3 (fiance Gigi Studer) Kennedy, Hayes (Gloria) Kennedy, and
4 Thomas (Laina) Kennedy; her grandchildren, Erin, Madeline,
5 Neera, Ahsha, Kieran, and Cash Kennedy; and her many nieces and
6 nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Ruth M. (Mortenson) Kennedy and extend our sincere condolences
10 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Ruth Kennedy as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.