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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 Annabel Abraham, who passed away on October 5, 2018 at the age of 97; and

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WHEREAS, Annabel Abraham was born in Syracuse, New York in 1921; when she was very young, she traveled to Europe with her mother, where she attended school in Geneva, Switzerland; she graduated high school and attended Northwestern University at the age of 15, where she earned a Master of Arts in Speech Therapy; she received a medal from the Italian Government for her mastery of Italian; she married Bernard M. Abraham; and

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WHEREAS, Annabel Abraham began her teaching career in Gary, Indiana, working to help support her husband as he finished his Ph.D. in chemistry; in 1953, she and her husband moved to Oak Park, where she taught in parochial and public schools and also helped stroke patients who were suffering from aphasia; and

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WHEREAS, Annabel Abraham supported her husband, Bernard, throughout his career of elected public service in Oak Park; following his death, she continued to be active in informal public service; she volunteered at the Ernest Hemingway Foundation and was an advocate for improved handicap access; and

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1           WHEREAS, Annabel Abraham was an avid knitter and enjoyed  
2 browsing flea markets, estate sales, and thrift shops; she  
3 encouraged her children to read extensively, visit museums, and  
4 explore their talents and interests; and

5           WHEREAS, Annabel Abraham was preceded in death by her  
6 husband, Bernard, and her eldest son, Oren Carmi; and

7           WHEREAS, Annabel Abraham is survived by her children,  
8 Daniel, Jesse (Amy Peck), and Abigail; her grandsons, David and  
9 Jeremy; and her many friends; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Annabel Abraham and extend our sincere condolences to her  
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
14 further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Annabel Abraham as an expression of  
17 our deepest sympathy.