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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Karen Ard on October 19, 2018 at the age
4 of 79; and

5 WHEREAS, Karen Ard (Eggers) was born on September 15, 1939;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Karen Ard was referred to as a Renaissance woman,
8 as she enjoyed playing the piano and the cello and joined the
9 local orchestra for its annual production of the Messiah; and

10 WHEREAS, Karen Ard volunteered at the Adler Planetarium,
11 where she built her own telescope and used it to help people
12 learn about the sky; and

13 WHEREAS, In her 40s, Karen Ard returned to college and
14 earned a degree in geology, which involved her studying rock
15 samples from Wisconsin under a microscope to determine their
16 composition; and

17 WHEREAS, Karen Ard was involved in community organizing in
18 Maywood, working to ensure integration, building relationships
19 with gang members through outreach at the Cicero Salvation
20 Army, and teaching members to enjoy reading; her success in

1 teaching students who hated reading led her to teach many
2 non-readers to relish in reading, sometimes in only a week; and

3 WHEREAS, Karen Ard loved conversing with people, getting to
4 know them, and discussing social justice, which brought her
5 great pleasure; and

6 WHEREAS, Karen Ard taught second to sixth-grade science for
7 12 years, engaging with the same students during their
8 elementary school years and getting to know them very well;
9 each year, she had a science fair and guided her students in
10 choosing and mastering a project to present to parents at the
11 fair; and

12 WHEREAS, Karen Ard taught junior college courses in earth
13 science, educating her students on global warming since the
14 1990s; and

15 WHEREAS, Karen Ard's greatest passion was being a loving
16 mother and wife; and

17 WHEREAS, Karen Ard is survived by her husband, Tom; her
18 daughters, Sheri A. Ard and Denise E. Ard; and her brothers,
19 Thomas Eggers and Paul (Anne) Eggers; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Karen Ard and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
3 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

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