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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 Barbara J. "Barb" Gross of Jacksonville, who passed away on August 16, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Barb Gross was born in Jacksonville to Harriet and Everet Moss on October 5, 1928; she graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1946 and married William L. Gross in 1949; later, she studied at Lincoln Land Community College and Sangamon State University; and

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WHEREAS, Barb Gross was a dedicated public official and served as Morgan County Clerk from 1974 to 2010; she was well respected by her peers and served as president of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders and Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); she was one of Morgan County's most popular public officials and was re-elected eight times before her retirement in 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Barb Gross was passionate about politics and led the Morgan County Democratic Women's Club for many years; she ran for state representative and was elected several times as a delegate to democratic presidential nominating conventions; she served as grand marshal of the Jacksonville St. Patrick's Day Parade, and she and her husband were always available to

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1 represent Democrats at parades; and

2 WHEREAS, Barb Gross loved her family and especially enjoyed
3 being a spectator at her grandchildren's athletic events; and

4 WHEREAS, Barb Gross was a member of Central Christian
5 Church; she was active in the Jacksonville community and served
6 on the boards of the Educational Day Care Center, the American
7 Red Cross, the Girl Scouts, and the Jacksonville Library; she
8 volunteered for the Morgan County United Way, the Heart Fund,
9 and the American Cancer Society; and

10 WHEREAS, Barb Gross was preceded in death by her husband of
11 61 years, William, and her parents; and

12 WHEREAS, Barb Gross is survived by her daughter, Gayle
13 (James) Stewart; her sons, David (Barbara) and Tim Gross; her
14 grandchildren, Justin and Evan Stewart and Jay, Jeffrey, and
15 Joanna Gross; her brother, Warren (Sue) Moss; and her special
16 niece, Linda Hall Lewis; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Barbara J. "Barb" Gross and extend our sincere condolences to
20 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Barb Gross as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.