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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 Louise Turpin of Champaign, who passed away on September 18, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Turpin was born in Olney to Ralph and Elizabeth VanMatre on March 11, 1933; she attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where she was a member of the Tri Sigma sorority; she married Jim Turpin on August 16, 1952; they raised their family in Springfield and Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Turpin worked in international banking and safe deposit services at Busey Bank; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Turpin was an active member of the community and volunteered for many organizations, including the Springfield Art Association, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, and the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church of Champaign; her most important work was in support of mental illness research; inspired to honor the memory of her brother, she was a vigorous advocate and served on the board of directors of the Developmental Services Center in Champaign; she also volunteered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); one of her most notable legacies was to have been part of the initial collaboration between the First

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1 Presbyterian Church of Champaign and the Canaan Baptist Church
2 in Urbana to start the annual Gospel Jazz Fest to benefit the
3 Men and Women's SAFE House, a substance abuse rehabilitation
4 center; she was a proud member of the Philanthropic Educational
5 Organization (P.E.O.) Chapter MM; and

6 WHEREAS, Louise Turpin valued her family and friends; many
7 memories are preserved because of her informal role as family
8 photographer; she enjoyed accompanying her grandchildren on
9 short trips and to local theater performances and watching
10 Illini volleyball games; she will be remembered for her natural
11 curiosity, her strong faith, and her gracious acceptance of
12 others; and

13 WHEREAS, Louise Turpin was preceded in death by her
14 parents; her brother, Joe VanMatre; and her sister, Nan Shafer;
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16 WHEREAS, Louise Turpin is survived by her husband, Jim; her
17 children, Chris (Jim Lukeman), Dan (Suzanne Cross), and Jayne
18 (Joe DeLuce); her grandchildren, Carly (Jason) Sakowski,
19 Kendall (Evan) Williamson, Shayne, Quinn, Trey, Jenna, and
20 Jordan; her great-grandson, Luka; her brother, Frank (Pat)
21 VanMatre; and many nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be
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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Louise Turpin and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
4 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Louise Turpin as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.