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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 Roberta Ann Fruth, who passed away on June 12, 2019 at the age of 69; and

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WHEREAS, Roberta (McCabe) Fruth was born on September 22, 1949 to Robert McCabe and Anna Mae Schomaker, proud residents of Lebanon in St. Clair County; and

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WHEREAS, Roberta Fruth moved to Chicago in 1973 with her husband, Steven Fruth, and worked the night shift at St. Anne's Hospital to support her husband as he earned his Juris Doctorate; and

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WHEREAS, Roberta Fruth received her associate's degree in nursing from Belleville Area College; she worked full time as a registered nurse while earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from St. Louis University; she earned a Master of Science in Nursing from Rush University and attained her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Roberta Fruth spent much of her life pursuing her passion for education by continuing to strive for her own academic and professional achievements and by mentoring and inspiring many young nurses and healthcare leaders to pursue

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1 their own academic successes in enduring efforts to improve
2 patient care and safety; and

3 WHEREAS, Roberta Fruth spent her nursing career of 50 years
4 advocating for higher standards and better resources for nurses
5 and patients alike, working until her last days to help improve
6 the quality of patient care; and

7 WHEREAS, Roberta Fruth, through her constant efforts and
8 tireless years working to advance the practice of nursing,
9 quickly became a well-respected and admired leader in the field
10 of nursing across the country and, after serving as an elected
11 officer on numerous nursing organizational boards, was proudly
12 inducted in 2007 as a Fellow of the American Academy of
13 Nursing; and

14 WHEREAS, Roberta Fruth was a proud daughter of the great
15 State of Illinois and was well-traveled; she found joy and
16 enlightenment in her many experiences the world over, from
17 hospitals in Canada and Chile to medical clinics in Saudi
18 Arabia and Singapore; and

19 WHEREAS, Roberta Fruth was an active and devoted member of
20 the Oak Park community for over 40 years, where she raised and
21 inspired her three children to follow in her footsteps of
22 commitment to service; and

1 WHEREAS, Roberta Fruth was thankful for the wonderful years
2 she had, full of adventures with her dear friends and family;
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4 WHEREAS, Roberta Fruth is survived by her loving husband of
5 47 years, Steven; her siblings, Bob, Ed, Mary, and Elizabeth
6 Raleigh (Thomas); her children, Matthew Fruth (Erin), David
7 Fruth, and Susan Fruth (Craig Kidwell); and her beloved
8 grandchildren, Maggie and Kate; therefore, be it

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

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Roberta Fruth as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.