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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 Houha of Oak Park, who passed away on August 2, 2019 at the age of 87; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Houha was born to Hjalmer and Florence Olsen on November 20, 1931; she grew up in Cicero, where she attended Morton High School and Morton Junior College before completing a Bachelor of Arts in Education at Northwestern University in Evanston; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Houha was a resident of Oak Park for 67 years, where she was active in the Irving School PTO and as a room mother; she was a homemaker for many years and then became a Head Start teacher at Grant Works in Cicero; she retired to help care for her grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Houha was known to her family as a loving and doting mother and grandmother; one of her favorite activities was reading the social media updates posted by her family; she was artistic and loved reading and writing poetry or verses on scraps of paper; she always knew the exact note to include in the cards she sent her family; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Houha was easy to be around because she

1 found happiness from the little things in life, such as good
2 news from a grandchild or treasured memories from her girlhood
3 summers in Camp Lake, Wisconsin that she went on to create with
4 her own children; and

5 WHEREAS, Barbara Houha was preceded in death by her
6 parents, Hjalmer and Florence Olsen; her former husband and
7 dear friend, Leonard J. Houha; her brother, Harold (Patricia)
8 Olsen; and her eldest daughter, Elizabeth; and

9 WHEREAS, Barbara Houha is survived by her children, Juliet
10 (Kevin) Stantz, Allison (Patrick Olson) Houha, Leonard
11 (Loreen) Houha, and Andrew (Cheri) Houha; and her
12 grandchildren, Matthew and Clare Olson, Daniel and Steven
13 Stantz, Elaine, Bradley, and Lindsey Houha, and Leonard,
14 Nathan, and David Houha; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Barbara Houha and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
18 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Barbara Houha as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.