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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 Jeannette M. Zeck, who passed away on February 19, 2019 at the age of 50; and

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WHEREAS, Jeannette Zeck was born on August 19, 1968 and grew up in Lake County, where she attended high school in Grayslake, and later became a resident of Oak Park; and

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WHEREAS, Jeannette Zeck attended Knox College and met her future husband on their first day in Galesburg; they noticed each other but did not go on their first date until a year later on March 5, 1987; they were married in September of 1998; she then attended DePaul University in order to earn her master's degree in psychology; and

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WHEREAS, Jeannette Zeck worked at a shelter for homeless women during her time at DePaul, finding a sense of purpose and pride in helping them; she counseled and cooked for the women at the shelter and typically ended or started her shifts at midnight; she then started working in the mail room of the Chicago Laborers Pension and Welfare fund, beginning a 26 year career, and eventually became the director of the pension department, overseeing a staff of 16; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jeannette Zeck developed an interest in gardening
2 and growing her own food while living with her husband in Oak
3 Park; this led to the development of the Deep Roots Project, an
4 organization that promotes the use of native plants and growing
5 healthy foods; together, she and her husband planted 16 parkway
6 gardens in the area; she converted to Buddhism shortly after
7 her husband converted, finding that it made a positive impact
8 on her life; she then became a member of the Kadampa Meditation
9 Center of Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, Jeannette Zeck was preceded in death by her
11 parents, Harold and Catherine Zeck; her sister, Elizabeth Zeck;
12 and her brother, Stephen Zeck; and

13 WHEREAS, Jeannette Zeck is survived by her husband, David
14 Murphy; her sisters, Patricia Carlson and Theresa O'Reilly; her
15 brother, David Zeck; her sisters-in-law, Linda and Kathleen;
16 her brother-in-law, Richard; and her nieces and nephews that
17 she considered her own, Elizabeth, Nicole, Megan, Shelbie,
18 Alexia, Michael, and Louis; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Jeannette M. Zeck and extend our sincere condolences to her
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
23 further

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