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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 Rosiland Dennis of Springfield, who passed away on December 6, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Rosiland Dennis was born in Santa Barbara, California to Emil J. and Virginia M. (Taylor) Milligan on May 13, 1945; she graduated from high school in Crooksville, Ohio in 1963 and earned a bachelor's degree in social work from The Ohio State University; she earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois, where she received the Mark Hale Award for scholastic excellence; she married Herbert "Herb" Dennis in Crooksville on June 17, 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Rosiland Dennis worked for the Sangamon Area Special Education District and the Pleasant Plains School District for 30 years; she was passionate about working with children through counseling and strengthening them to become productive adults; and

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WHEREAS, Rosiland Dennis was a founding member of the School Social Workers of America; she served as a board member and former president of the Illinois Association of School Social Workers (IASSW) and was a chairwoman for the IASSW State Conference for numerous years; she volunteered with Habitat for

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1 Humanity and was a member of the board for the University of
2 Illinois School of Social Work; and

3 WHEREAS, Rosiland Dennis was a member of Christ the King
4 Catholic Church, where she was a charter member of the adult
5 choir and a member of the funeral choir; she comforted
6 countless families by helping prepare funeral luncheons and was
7 a member of the Polly Roesch King's Daughters Circle; her
8 favorite hobbies were traveling, reading, gardening, and
9 spending time with her grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Rosiland Dennis was preceded in death by her
11 parents; and

12 WHEREAS, Rosiland Dennis is survived by her husband of 52
13 years, Herbert; her children, Lara, Matthew (Amy), and Mark
14 (Rachel) Dennis; her grandchildren, Jackson Blackwell, Lincoln
15 and Stella Rose Willoughby, Andrew, Michael, Patrick, and
16 Catherine Dennis, and Charlotte, Cora, and Cecilia Dennis; her
17 sisters, Erin Arnett and Jodi (Kevin) O'Connell; and several
18 nieces, nephews, and cousins; 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 Rosiland Dennis and extend our sincere condolences to her
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Rosiland Dennis as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.