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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 LTC (RET.) Carol Beth Capan St. John, who passed away on January 28, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Carol St. John was born to Charles Jolly Capan and Patricia Fern Fisher Capan in Moline on June 28, 1955; she attended schools in Rock Island and graduated from Sherrard High School; she attended Illinois State University and later graduated from St. Ambrose University; she earned a master's degree from U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and a teaching certificate from Concordia University; she married Terry St. John; and

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WHEREAS, Carol St. John joined the U.S. Army in 1982; she was the first female company commander at the Rock Island Arsenal and did tours in Germany and Kuwait and at the Pentagon; when she retired in 2004, she was serving as the first female chair of the Army ROTC Department at the University of Iowa; after retiring from the army, she taught as a senior army instructor and was part of the Junior ROTC programs at Davenport Central High School, Vessey Leadership Academy, and Bemidji High School; she also attended auctioneer school and was an antique appraiser; and

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1           WHEREAS, Carol St. John was a member of First Lutheran  
2 Church in Sherrard and held a deep faith connection to Native  
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4           WHEREAS, Carol St. John was a curious life-long learner, a  
5 critical thinker, and a compassionate woman; she had a number  
6 of interests, including Bob Dylan, history, painting, hunting  
7 for those special antiques, and bargain hunting; she enjoyed  
8 laughter, music, reading, nature and the great outdoors,  
9 feeding the birds, her dogs, the Iron Range, vanilla cake, a  
10 hot cup of Starbucks, a good glass of wine or beer, and, most  
11 of all, spending time with her sons and grandson; and

12           WHEREAS, Carol St. John was preceded in death by her  
13 parents; her grandparents; and her several aunts and uncles;  
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15           WHEREAS, Carol St. John is survived by her sons, Charley  
16 (Holly) and Sam (Rebekah Kersey) O'Fallon; her grandson,  
17 Kingston; her brother, Chuck (Laurie); her sisters, Angela  
18 (Kevin) Piers and Mary; her nieces and nephews, Kelli Brown,  
19 Emily (Erik) Meutsch, Lauren (George) Wilders, and Nick, Matt,  
20 and Bailey Capan; her five great-nieces and great-nephews; and  
21 her dear friends, Modell Plummer and Karen Child Adolphson;  
22 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 LTC (RET.) Carol Beth Capan St. John and extend our sincere  
4 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
5 her; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Carol St. John as an expression of  
8 our deepest sympathy.