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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 Sister M. Felicity Gaffney, OSF, who passed away on June 5, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Sister Felicity was born in Powell, Ohio to Irene (Spring) and James Gaffney in 1921; she was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Columbus and attended the parish school; she graduated from St. Mary of the Springs High School in Columbus; she obtained her bachelor's degree in French from the College of St. Francis, now known as the University of St. Francis, in Joliet; she earned her Master of Arts in Education from DePaul University in Chicago; she attended the Franciscan Institute in Theology at the College of St. Francis in Joliet; she took courses in Spanish at the University of Colorado in Boulder; and

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WHEREAS, Sister Felicity ministered in the field of education, teaching at various high schools for over 50 years; she began her teaching ministry at St. Francis Academy, now known as Joliet Catholic Academy, in 1943, where she taught English and Spanish; she taught at the majority of high schools that the Joliet Franciscans staffed in Illinois and Ohio; she taught in schools from California to Florida and in schools of diverse cultures, including Indian, Mexican, rural,

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1 inner city, private academy, parish schools for girls, co-ed
2 city wide parish schools, large diocesan high schools, and a
3 GED program; and

4 WHEREAS, Sister Felicity was preceded in death by her
5 parents; her brothers, George, James, and Paul; and her
6 sisters, Margaret Lombard, Gertrude Caldwell, Bernie Olsen,
7 Dorothy Thornton, Betty DeJohn, and Mary Waldo; and

8 WHEREAS, Sister Felicity was a treasured member of the
9 Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate for 81 years;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Sister M. Felicity Gaffney, OSF, and extend our sincere
14 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
15 her; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate as
18 an expression of our deepest sympathy.