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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 Norma Jean Glazebrook of Godfrey, who passed away on August 9, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Norma Glazebrook was born in Alton to Frank J. and Clara D. (Herman) Helwig on February 13, 1932; she graduated from Alton High School; she married Robert Glazebrook in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 16, 1973, and he preceded her in death on November 20, 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Norma Glazebrook worked at The Telegraph newspaper in Alton for 21 years before retiring in 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Norma Glazebrook was a national baton twirling champion and started the Piasa Indians Baton Twirling Drill Team in 1951, a group of baton-twirling, flag-bearing young girls that traveled the United States and performed shows at state fairs, parades, and national competitions; during her tenure, the team won a national VFW title at the New York State Fair in 1964 and a World Fair championship in 1965; she retired in 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Norma Glazebrook was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ and the Illinois State Chapter of the

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1 P.E.O. Sisterhood; she served on the Village of Godfrey Park
2 Board until her death; she joined Make-A-Wish Illinois in 1996
3 and helped fulfill nearly 300 wishes in her 25 years of
4 service; she was always active with community service in both
5 the Alton and Godfrey areas; and

6 WHEREAS, Norma Glazebrook was responsible for the creation
7 of the Robert E. Glazebrook Community Park, consisting of over
8 90 acres of land she donated to the town of Godfrey in honor of
9 her late husband; through her donation, Glazebrook Park has
10 grown into one of the Midwest's premier parks and is a treasure
11 to area residents; and

12 WHEREAS, Norma Glazebrook received a number of accolades
13 during her lifetime, including the Studs Terkel Humanities
14 Service Award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the Pride
15 Inc. Outstanding Citizen Award in 2000 for her numerous acts
16 of community service in the River Bend area, the Volunteer of
17 the Year Award in 1999, 2000, and 2011, and the Gordon F. Moore
18 Service Above Self Award by the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club in
19 2013; she was a finalist in the selection of Channel 5's Five
20 Noteworthy Volunteers in the Metro St. Louis area; she was
21 named one of the Alton YMCA's Women of Distinction in 2011; she
22 was honored as one of the marshals of the Alton Halloween
23 Parade in 1961 and again for the parade's 100th anniversary in
24 2016; and

1 WHEREAS, Norma Glazebrook was known for her kind,
2 generous, and spunky spirit; she will be remembered for her
3 endless contributions to Alton and Godfrey and for making the
4 River Bend region a better place to live, work, and raise a
5 family; and

6 WHEREAS, Norma Glazebrook was preceded in death by her
7 parents; her husband; and her stepson, Thomas Glazebrook; and

8 WHEREAS, Norma Glazebrook is survived by her stepchildren,
9 Robert Earl Glazebrook Jr. (Donna) and Richard Brian
10 Glazebrook (Jana); her grandchildren, Gail Glazebrook Robles
11 (Tony), Robert Earl Glazebrook III (Katharine), and Heidi
12 Glazebrook Hickman (Kyle); and her great-grandchildren, Robert
13 Earl Glazebrook IV, Everett Hickman, Olive Hickman, Johnny
14 Glazebrook, and Antonio Robles; therefore, be it

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

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Norma Glazebrook as an expression

1 of our deepest sympathy.