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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 Bonnie Noble of Peoria, who passed away September 9, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Bonnie Noble was born to Robert M. and Laura A. West in River Forest on August 11, 1941; she attended Oak Park River Forest High School and graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration; she married Kent A. Noble in River Forest on April 25, 1964; and

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WHEREAS, In 1973, Bonnie Noble was the first woman elected as a trustee of the Peoria Park District; she served 19 years as a trustee and board president and 24 years as the executive director before her retirement in April of 2016; and

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WHEREAS, As executive director, Bonnie Noble's major accomplishments were partnering with OSF Saint Francis Medical Center to build the downtown RiverPlex Recreation and Wellness Center, the development and completion of the Rock Island Trail in 2013 that included the Knoxville Avenue bridge, leading efforts to establish the Peoria Playhouse Children's Museum, and tripling the size of the Peoria Zoo by leading a capital campaign in 2009; by far, her greatest accomplishment

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1 was the positive impact the Park District has had on hundreds
2 of thousands of people; and

3 WHEREAS, During Bonnie Noble's tenure as executive
4 director, the Peoria Park District received the National Gold
5 Medal Award in 1994, 2001, and 2010 for excellence in park and
6 recreation management and earned accreditation as one of the
7 first Illinois Distinguished Park Districts; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2004, Bonnie Noble was inducted as a fellow
9 into the American Academy for Parks and Recreation, a national
10 group limited to 125 practicing professionals; she received
11 the Joseph Bannon Practitioner Award, the Jaycees Good
12 Government Award, the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce Athena
13 Award, and the Ray A. Neumann Tri-County Citizen of the Year
14 Award, among others; in 2013, the Peoria Park District Board
15 of Trustees honored her by naming their new administration
16 offices the "Bonnie W. Noble Center for Park District
17 Administration"; she was also the recipient of the Charles K.
18 Brightbill Distinguished Alumni Award, which is awarded
19 annually by the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism at
20 the University of Illinois; and

21 WHEREAS, Bonnie Noble is survived by her husband; her
22 three daughters, Cindy (Shannon) Noble, Kristen (Darin)
23 LaHood, and Jamie (Dan) Hogan; her five cherished grandsons,

1 McKay, Lucas, and Theodore LaHood and Maxwell and Thatcher
2 Hogan; and her brother, Robert C. West; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Bonnie Noble and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
6 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Bonnie Noble as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.