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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 Cheryl (Bills) McIntire of Danville, who passed away on September 3, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Cheryl McIntire was born to Eldon and Bernice Bills in Elgin Memorial Hospital on September 22, 1955; she was raised in Barrington; she graduated from Barrington High School in 1973 and Illinois State University in 1977; she married Robert McIntire in Barrington in 1978; she later obtained her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her master's degree in Education from Eastern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Cheryl McIntire took a job as a juvenile probation officer for the McLean County Court Services Office after graduating from Illinois State University; her professional career led her to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services as a caseworker, which she maintained as her family moved to Ottawa and then Champaign; her husband's employment then led her to Catlin in Vermilion County, where she obtained employment as a school social worker for the Vermilion Association for Special Education and then Danville District 118; she then returned to DCFS as a supervisor and moved to Danville before advancing to the

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1 position of assistant regional administrator for the Central  
2 Region of DCFS; and

3 WHEREAS, Cheryl McIntire matriculated at Eastern Illinois  
4 University to obtain a master's degree after her employment  
5 with DCFS ended; she interned for Danville District 188 before  
6 serving as principal of Pleasant Acres Elementary School in  
7 Rantoul; she then served as principal of Northeast Elementary  
8 Magnet School in Danville; during her tenure, Northeast  
9 Elementary was awarded the Gold Award from the Alliance For A  
10 Healthier Generation for the healthy food program the school  
11 instituted, becoming the first elementary school in the nation  
12 to receive such an award; she left District 118 to return to  
13 DCFS as an assistant deputy director, administering adoptions  
14 statewide for the agency; and

15 WHEREAS, After her retirement, Cheryl McIntire served as  
16 executive director for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Vermilion  
17 County and as an administrator for the Center for Youth and  
18 Family Solutions; and

19 WHEREAS, Cheryl McIntire was initiated as an alumni member  
20 of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for women in 2013; she enjoyed  
21 antiquing and owned several antique businesses in the Danville  
22 area; she was a devoted Chicago Cubs fan and was present at  
23 Wrigley Field with her husband and daughter when the Cubs

1 clinched the pennant in 2016; she loved walking and spoiling  
2 her Scottish Terriers, Thompson and Katie; and

3 WHEREAS, Cheryl McIntire was known for her lifelong  
4 devotion to children, beginning with her social work  
5 internship for the Salvation Army in Chicago's Bridgeport  
6 neighborhood; she loved helping children in her care,  
7 assisting her students to succeed, and mentoring others who  
8 had the same devotion; and

9 WHEREAS, Cheryl McIntire was preceded in death by her  
10 daughter-in-law, Carolyn (Jeffrey) McIntire; her brother,  
11 Douglas Bills; and her sister, Deborah (Duane) Cope; and

12 WHEREAS, Cheryl McIntire is survived by her daughter,  
13 Melinda McIntire; her stepson, Jeffrey (the late Carolyn)  
14 McIntire; her brothers, Dennis (Nancy) Bills, Richard  
15 (Suzette) Bills, and brother Allen (Pamela) Bills; her sister,  
16 Karen Bills See; and her brother-in-law, Duane Cope;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Cheryl (Bills) McIntire and extend our sincere condolences to  
21 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
22 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Cheryl McIntire as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.