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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of Donna Vonachen Abdnour of Peoria, who 4 passed away on October 25, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Donna Abdnour was born to Donald and Patricia 6 (Clark) Vonachen on October 7, 1960; she graduated from 7 Academy of Our Lady/Spalding Institute in Peoria in 1978 and 8 from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa; she married Frank 9 Abdnour on October 15, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Donna Abdnour had a career in banking and finance until she married Frank and became co-owner of their business, The Spotted Cow; when they sold their business, she became his right hand in his political campaign and with their many charitable contributions in the community; and

WHEREAS, Donna Abdnour and Frank were longtime members of St. Thomas Parish, where they were married and had their children baptized and attend school; she was greatly involved in the church and her children's activities at the school; her life revolved around her Catholic faith and her love for her family; her caring and nurturing ways were felt by all in her extended family and by her many friends; she had a way of making each person feel special and cared for in every

1 situation; she had a smile that lit every room she entered and

- 2 a heart full of love; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Donna Abdnour was preceded in death by her
- 4 parents; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Donna Abdnour is survived by her husband, Frank;
- 6 her children, Sydney and Noah Abdnour; her siblings, James
- 7 (Jeanne) Vonachen, Richard (Consuelo) Vonachen, Diane (Bimbo)
- 8 Pietro, Mary Jo (Mike) Williams, Julie Vonachen, and Karen
- 9 (Dave) Ellbogen; and numerous nieces and nephews that all had
- 10 a special place in the life of "Aunt Donna"; 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 Donna Vonachen Abdnour and extend our sincere condolences to
- 14 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 15 further
- 16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 17 presented to the family of Donna Abdnour as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.