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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 Mary E. Ferry of Waukegan, who passed away on October 29, 2021 at the age of 100; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ferry was born to Louis and Clementina Zannini on October 15, 1921; she started first grade not speaking English and graduated valedictorian from Holy Child High School in 1939; she graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1949 with a double major; she was the first female president of the Newman Club, now St. John's Catholic Newman Center, at the University of Illinois; she married the love of her life, Lawrence Ferry, on June 3, 1952, and they celebrated 65 years together before his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ferry worked from the time she was little, starting in her parents' restaurants, until her retirement from Lake County in the late 1980s; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ferry was a poet and writer and a wildly successful crossword puzzle solver; she had an incredible sense of humor, a clever wit, a caring hospitality, and a ready smile; she was gracious and kind and truly lived her faith and deeply loved her family; she was a loyal Chicago Cubs fan ever since she met Gaby Hartnett in the 1920s and was thrilled to

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1 watch them finally win the World Series in 2016; she and her  
2 husband traveled extensively; and

3 WHEREAS, Mary was preceded in death by her husband; her  
4 parents; her brothers, Gene (Eileen) Zannini and Dr. John  
5 (Frances) Zannini; her son-in-law, Ed Biondi; her  
6 stepdaughter, Patti (Nels Nizer); her brothers-in-law, Clyde  
7 (Barbara) Ferry and Paul R. Ferry; her very special family  
8 members, Lily and Jack Hannan and Dr. Tom and Marifred  
9 Jackson; and those left of her college roommates and lifelong  
10 friends, the Stonehaven Girls; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Ferry is survived by her loving children,  
12 Marty, Linda, Paul (Sherre), and Jane; her grandchildren,  
13 Kate, Mike, and Dave; her great-granddaughter, Darkis; and  
14 many other relatives and friends; 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 Mary E. Ferry and extend our sincere condolences to her  
18 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 Mary Ferry as an expression of our  
22 deepest sympathy.