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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 Loretta Edwards Troyer of Oak Park, who passed away on July 14, 2021 at the age of 85; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Troyer was born the eldest of four siblings in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio on November 13, 1935 to Raymond Edwards, and Lee (Lina) Feindert; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Troyer excelled in school and graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School in 1954 with a scholarship to study nursing at Pennsylvania College for Women (Chatham University) in Pittsburgh; and

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WHEREAS, In college, Loretta Troyer met her future husband, William G. "Bill" Troyer Jr., a third-year University of Pittsburgh medical student; they were married in 1959 in the Unitarian Church and began their life together in Pittsburgh as she started her career in nursing at Allegheny General Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta and Bill Troyer moved several times during the early years of their marriage due to the demands of their budding medical careers; together, they worked in Oklahoma City, Durham, North Carolina, and Delphi, Maryland,

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1 where her husband served at Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital;
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3 WHEREAS, In Adelphi, Maryland, Loretta Troyer was accepted
4 to Catholic University's master's in nursing program; after
5 giving birth to her daughter, Judy, in 1969, she took a year
6 off school, and she and her family moved to Madison, Wisconsin
7 and then moved back to Washington D.C. to finish the last year
8 of her master's program; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon moving to Madison, Loretta Troyer worked at
10 University of Wisconsin's Nursing and Rehabilitation teaching
11 hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, In the summer of 1974, Loretta Troyer and her
13 family moved to Oak Park, which became their permanent home;
14 she continued her medical career at the University of Illinois
15 School of Nursing; once her children became older, she joined
16 the Oak Park Health Department as an inspector and was known
17 for holding restaurant owners to high public health standards;
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19 WHEREAS, Loretta and Bill Troyer were deeply involved in
20 charitable endeavors and dedicated themselves to mental health
21 causes; together, they participated in multiple fundraisers
22 for Thresholds, an organization working to transform the lives

1 of those with mental illness and substance use disorders; and

2 WHEREAS, Loretta Troyer was also an active participant
3 with the University of Illinois academic exchange programs;
4 she and her husband hosted faculty visiting from around the
5 world and traveled to various destinations including Egypt,
6 China, Hong Kong, and Tibet; later in life, she would enjoy
7 visits with her grandchildren from California and River
8 Forest; and

9 WHEREAS, Loretta Troyer was a dedicated mother, caregiver,
10 friend, and traveler known for her steadfast work ethic and
11 compassion for those in need; and

12 WHEREAS, Loretta Troyer was preceded in death by her
13 parents and her brother, Howard Edwards; and

14 WHEREAS, Loretta Troyer is survived by her sister, Alberta
15 King; her brother, Robert Edwards; her children, William G.
16 "Bill" Troyer III, Steve Troyer (Presley Stokes), and Judy
17 (Richard) Deogracias; her grandchildren, Wade Troyer, Amelia
18 Troyer, George Troyer, and Raymond and Lourdes Deogracias; and
19 her great-granddaughter, Seraphina Loretta O'Leary, who
20 arrived three days after her passing; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Loretta Edwards Troyer and extend our sincere condolences to
3 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Loretta Troyer as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.