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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. "Beth" Esela of Springfield, who passed away on January 15, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Beth Esela was born to Joseph A. and Mary E. (Lawler) Esela in Springfield on June 26, 1954; she was a Springfield resident for all of her life; she graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1972; she earned her associate degree from Lincoln Land Community College in 1987; and

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WHEREAS, Beth Esela served the Illinois Senate Democrats for 37 years; she retired as head of Computer Operations in 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Beth Esela belonged to Blessed Sacrament Church; she appreciated art and loved drawing, creating pottery, and making jewelry; she also loved animals; she was a devoted Chicago Bulls fan; and

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WHEREAS, Beth Esela was known for her generous heart and always looking for ways to give; she was devoted to her family, and she considered her grandchildren the light of her life; and

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1 WHEREAS, Beth Esela was preceded in death by her parents
2 and her brother, Dennis "Denny" Esela; and

3 WHEREAS, Beth Esela is survived by her son, Joseph E.
4 (Sloane) Huddleston; her grandchildren, Lander J. Huddleston
5 and Gentry A. Huddleston; her sisters, Sue Wilkening, Patricia
6 "Trish" (Walt) Basso, and Theresa (Mark) Gore; her brother,
7 Edward "Eddie" Esela; and her several nieces, nephews, and
8 cousins; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Mary E. "Beth" Esela and extend our sincere condolences to her
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Beth Esela as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.