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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 Guadalupe "Lupe" (Bedolla) Jimenez of Chicago, who passed away on February 7, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez was born to Socorro and Efrain Bedolla in Chicago on March 16, 1957; she graduated high school in 1975; she married Jose Jimenez in 1975, and they had three children; and

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WHEREAS, Alongside her husband, Guadalupe Jimenez co-founded Carnicerias Jimenez, one of Chicago's first successful Mexican grocery businesses, which has expanded to many locations throughout the Chicagoland area, including West Chicago; they opened their first storefront, Fruteria Jimenez, in 1975; they opened their second location, Carnicerias Jimenez, on August 8, 1976; they opened their third storefront at 4204 West North Avenue in 1977, where it still stands today; they built a grocery business that started with just themselves as employees and developed into a thriving enterprise that employs more than 400 people, including many who would become pioneers of the Mexican community; their business has won many national and local awards throughout the years for their corporate citizenship and citizen involvement; she maintained an active role in the business until her death;

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2 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez left a lasting impact on the  
3 community of West Chicago through her advocacy, including  
4 donating two semi-trucks full of plastic water bottles for the  
5 individuals in Flint, Michigan who were in need of clean  
6 water; and

7 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez was deeply committed to her  
8 faith; she was a significant pillar for the Archdiocese of  
9 Chicago, and she mentored many local entrepreneurs and  
10 silently sponsored organizations throughout the city, country,  
11 and world; and

12 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez was a formidable businesswoman  
13 and trailblazer whose no-nonsense approach was softened by her  
14 charming manner, great love for people, and huge heart; and

15 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez was preceded in death by her  
16 sister, Sandra; her brothers, Arturo, Efrain (Junior), and  
17 Jorgito; and her father, Efrain Bedolla; and

18 WHEREAS, Guadalupe Jimenez is survived by her husband,  
19 Jose Jimenez; her children, Luz Maribel, Jose III, and Lupita;  
20 her grandchildren, Victorito, Jose Alejandro, Adriana Sophia,  
21 and Camila Itzel; her brothers, Patricio, Mario, Pepe,

1 Octavio, and Andres; and her mother, Socorro Bedolla;  
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 Guadalupe "Lupe" (Bedolla) Jimenez and extend our sincere  
6 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
7 her; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Guadalupe Jimenez as an expression  
10 of our deepest sympathy.