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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 Helen Kay Jahn of Champaign, who passed away on June 12, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Jahn was born in Springfield to Lloyd and Elizabeth Woods Hosler on December 11, 1942; she graduated from Cahokia High School and completed secretarial school at Miss Hickey's Secretarial School in St. Louis; she later attended Parkland College; she married Francis J. "Jerry" at Faith Methodist Church in Cahokia on August 31, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Jahn was the organist and choir director at Faith Methodist Church in Cahokia prior to her marriage; after moving to Champaign-Urbana she was a member of the choir at Wesley Methodist Church in Urbana, where she was a soloist and member of the choir for many years; her love of music led her to become active in the Guild of the Champaign Urbana Symphony; she served on the board for many years, as president for two terms and as chair of the Ways and Means Committee for many years; she was active in organizing and executing House Walks, In Good Taste parties, and other fundraising activities for the guild; as a result of her tireless efforts on behalf of the guild and C-U Symphony Orchestra, she received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Illinois Council of

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1 Orchestras in 2012; and

2 WHEREAS, Helen Jahn joined Faith United Methodist Church  
3 in 1971 and was active in various activities and church  
4 groups; she was a member and president of the Kathryn Wood  
5 Circle, member and president of the United Methodist Women's  
6 Group at Faith, member of the board of trustees, and a long  
7 time chairperson of the Worship Committee; she later became  
8 involved in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference United  
9 Methodist Women and served two terms as president of the  
10 Iroquois District UMW; and

11 WHEREAS, Helen Jahn served on the board of directors of  
12 Cunningham Children's Home for a total of 16 years and served  
13 two terms as president; after her board service, she continued  
14 to volunteer at Cunningham, helping with various fundraising  
15 activities; and

16 WHEREAS, Helen Jahn played tennis, golf, and snow skied  
17 into her mid-70s; she played bridge in several different  
18 groups and enjoyed playing and teaching others to play  
19 cribbage; she was an ardent Illini fan and attended football  
20 and basketball games since moving to Champaign-Urbana; and

21 WHEREAS, Helen Jahn was a wonderful wife, mother, and  
22 grandmother and never missed an opportunity to follow her

1 children's and grandchildren's school and sporting events; she  
2 was a Cub Scout leader, room mother, and co-president of the  
3 Bottenfield School PTA; she spent her entire life serving  
4 others, sharing her beautiful smile and showing kindness to  
5 all she encountered; and

6 WHEREAS, Helen Jahn was preceded in death by her parents;  
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8 WHEREAS, Helen Jahn is survived by her husband, Jerry; her  
9 son, Michael Jahn; her daughter, Amy (Ed) Dyson; her  
10 grandchildren, Stephen and Marybeth Dyson; her sister, Susan  
11 (Alain) Lamoureux; her sister-in-law, Janet Jahn; her  
12 brother-in-law, Larry (Gloria) Jahn; four nieces; three  
13 great-nephews; two great-nieces; and her beloved West Highland  
14 Terrier, Duffy; 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 Helen Kay Jahn 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 Helen Jahn as an expression of our  
22 deepest sympathy.