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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 former Illinois State Representative Suzanne L. Deuchler of Aurora; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Deuchler was born to Elvin and Margaret Clark in Chicago on July 21, 1929; she grew up in Shelbyville; she married Walter Deuchler on February 4, 1951; she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Illinois in 1951 and later studied at the Dayton Art Institute; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Deuchler served as the Republican state representative of the 42nd district in the General Assembly from 1981 to 1999; she had previously served as a representative of the West Side of Aurora on the Kane County Board for four years; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Deuchler was first elected to the General Assembly in 1980, beating an 80-year-old incumbent of 16 years, Al Schoeberlein; during her 18-year tenure, she served on the Education, Appropriations, Banking, Transportation, and Environment committees in the Illinois House of Representatives; she was known for her support of women's issues, including abortion rights and the Equal Rights

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1 Amendment, and for supporting environmental issues, being
2 instrumental in establishing the Nelson Lake Nature Preserve
3 in Kane County; she was also a supporter of education
4 initiatives, and she was one of the representatives
5 instrumental in establishing the Illinois Math and Science
6 Academy in Aurora and the Orchard Road interchange with
7 Interstate 88, which was later renamed the Suzanne Deuchler
8 Honorary Interchange in 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Deuchler served as president of the local
10 chapter of the League of Women Voters and on many nonprofit
11 boards, including the Aurora Historical Society, the Rush
12 Copley Medical Center Governing Board, SciTech, and the
13 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Kane-South, DeKalb,
14 and Kendall Counties (NAMI KDK); she was a longtime member of
15 the American Association of University Women; and

16 WHEREAS, Rep. Deuchler was a world traveler, a talented
17 watercolorist, and a mother of two; she will be remembered for
18 her bright smile and her many accomplishments; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Deuchler is survived by her husband of 71
20 years, Walter Deuchler; her sister, Nancy Clark Amstutz; her
21 daughter, Maryll (Tom) Moon; her granddaughters, Erika
22 Kleibrink and Claudia Moon; her nieces, Betsy (Donald) Flett
23 and Kathy Finn; and her nephews, Edward (Robyn Weinstein)

1 Bettenhausen and Kenneth (Jean) Bettenhausen; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 former Illinois State Representative Suzanne L. Deuchler and
5 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
6 who knew and loved her; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Rep. Deuchler as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.