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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Heather  
4 Marie McMeekan of Peoria Heights, formerly of Macomb, who  
5 passed away on October 6, 2024; and

6           WHEREAS, Heather McMeekan was born to George and Iris  
7 (Petersen) Platt in Park Ridge on August 9, 1968; and

8           WHEREAS, Heather McMeekan taught hundreds of students  
9 during her years as the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)  
10 program coordinator at Western Illinois University (WIU); she  
11 was the lead instructor for EMTv, a television series  
12 providing continuing education for Illinois EMT-Basics  
13 (EMT-Bs); she was also the founding faculty advisor for  
14 Western EMS, a student-run Emergency Medical Services (EMS)  
15 service on the WIU campus; and

16           WHEREAS, Heather McMeekan was a member of the Unitarian  
17 Universalist Fellowship in Macomb and the Unitarian  
18 Universalist Church in Peoria; she served on the church's  
19 Women's Connection Council for six years, introduced other  
20 members to her love of kites and drumming, and led several  
21 workshops through the fellowship; and

1           WHEREAS, Heather McMeekan, a dedicated community activist  
2 and organizer, served as co-president of the Peoria Chapter of  
3 the National Organization of Women; she was the founder and  
4 president of the Democratic Women of McDonough County and was  
5 a founding member of Indivisible West Central Illinois and the  
6 Racial Justice Coalition of West Central Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, Heather McMeekan loved her children, kites,  
8 drumming, painting, sculpting, and scrap-booking; she loved  
9 sharing her interests with others and did so through the  
10 foundation of the Macomb Kite Festival, the Macomb Community  
11 Drum Circle, Macomb Pride, and many other organizations; and

12           WHEREAS, Heather McMeekan was preceded in death by her  
13 parents; and

14           WHEREAS, Heather McMeekan is survived by her children,  
15 Iris McMeekan and Kellen McMeekan; her sisters, Anne (Tom)  
16 Atherton and Laura Croft; and her ex-husband, Peter McMeekan;  
17 therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we mourn the passing of Heather Marie McMeekan and extend our  
21 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
22 and loved her; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Heather McMeekan as an expression  
3 of our deepest sympathy.