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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 Betty W. Henneman of Chicago, who passed away on March 9, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Henneman was born in Chicago to Martin C. and Edith Bush Wellner on August 29, 1931; she married Dr. Raymond Henneman in 1954, and they settled in Park Ridge; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Henneman was a teacher of music, which she loved dearly; she was always surrounded by music, whether in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Choir, at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Philharmonic, or the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, and everyday throughout the house; family gatherings often included everyone singing around her at the piano; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Henneman was elected city clerk of Park Ridge in 1985 and served for 36 years; she enjoyed serving her community and volunteered with many service and community organizations; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Henneman was an active member of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church; she enjoyed reading, and as a regular book club member, she kept up even though she had to search for one

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1 of her 25 pairs of reading glasses; she also enjoyed world  
2 travel; and

3 WHEREAS, Betty Henneman lived life to the fullest and  
4 always appreciated her connection to others; she was a master  
5 communicator and stayed in touch with everyone by phone; she  
6 listened and unified, ultimately pulling people together;  
7 hosting parties was her joy, and everyone gathered at the  
8 Hennemans; her laughter was contagious, and she was never  
9 afraid to laugh at herself; and

10 WHEREAS, Betty Henneman was loved and cherished by many  
11 people, including her parents; her husband, Dr. Raymond  
12 Henneman; her children, Jeffrey (Kathleen) Henneman, Paula  
13 (John) Beals, Janet (Steven) Franke, David Henneman, and Amy  
14 (Michael) Davidson; her grandchildren, Nick, Jamie (Lisa),  
15 Meredith (Thomas), Jenna (James), Ian (Georgia), Cara (Emma),  
16 Abby (Sam), Megan (Jacob), Cayley (Dawson), Andrew, Elizabeth,  
17 William, and Jack; and her great-grandchild, Ashlyn;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Betty W. Henneman and extend our sincere condolences to her  
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
23 further

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