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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 Fern Graven of Springfield, who passed away on December 15, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Fern Graven was born to Fred and Ruth (McCoy) Thacker in Shelbyville on May 23, 1935; she graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1954; she married Wendell Graven on December 31, 1954, and they shared 67 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on February 28, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Fern Graven worked at PN Hirsch Department Store and at Stephens Greenhouse; and

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WHEREAS, Fern Graven's life was filled with laughter; she enjoyed celebrating holidays and birthdays with loved ones, camping trips with family, and attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events; and

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WHEREAS, Fern Graven cherished her roles as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend; and

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WHEREAS, Fern Graven was preceded in death by her parents, her four brothers, and her five sisters; and

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1 WHEREAS, Fern Graven is survived by her sons, Dean
2 (Stacey) Graven and Doug (Amy Cashman) Graven; her
3 grandchildren, Tina Gardiner, Kyle Graven, Bryon Graven, and
4 Brett Graven; her six great-grandchildren; her four
5 great-great-grandchildren; her many nieces, nephews, and
6 cousins; and her granddog, Rudy; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Fern Graven and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
10 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Fern Graven as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.