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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 Shirley Eleanor Christell of Forest Park, who passed away on September 13, 2022 at the age of 99; and

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WHEREAS, Shirley Christell loved spending time with family and friends, whether in small gatherings or those that overflowed into their beautiful yard in Forest Park; and

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WHEREAS, Shirley Christell enjoyed birding, gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting, basket-weaving, baking, and cooking; she was known to be able to throw a party in 15 minutes when any guest stopped for a visit; and

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WHEREAS, Shirley Christell and her husband of 69 years, Jack Christell, enjoyed traveling, including camping, taking ship and riverboat cruises, attending elderhostels, and visiting family and friends throughout the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Shirley Christell cherished her connection to church, which expanded to volunteer work with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in leading the daytimers group as well as starting a knitting group that created prayer shawls; and

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1 WHEREAS, Shirley Christell and her husband also worked at
2 the Lutheran Center Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
3 (ECLA) Headquarters in Chicago, and her love of reading and
4 research led her to volunteer at the Forest Park Public
5 Library, where she served as president of the Friends of the
6 Library Board; and

7 WHEREAS, Shirley Christell was an accomplished singer; she
8 sang in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Choir as well as the
9 local singing group, the Trebelaires; she also found
10 expression through music by playing piano, organ, and
11 accordion; and

12 WHEREAS, At the time of her passing, Shirley Christell was
13 survived by Lance (Carol), Roy (Terry), and Valerie (Suzanne);
14 four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Shirley Christell and extend our sincere condolences to her
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Shirley Christell as an expression

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1 of our deepest sympathy.