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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 Maureen Therese Barnes of Springfield, who passed away on January 20, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Maureen Barnes was born in Chicago to Mary Catherine (Barron) and David Mahoney on December 20, 1954; her family moved to Springfield at a young age, and she graduated from Springfield High School; she married Troy Barnes at Christ the King Church on September 6, 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Maureen Barnes dedicated her professional life to serving others in the medical field; she enrolled in night school to get her nursing degree, and over the next three decades, she created a highly impactful and respected nursing career working in both private practice and surgery at Memorial Health Systems; she was known as "Mother Moe" and mentored many young nurses; and

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WHEREAS, Maureen Barnes had a unique and special relationship with each of her grandchildren; one of her great joys was bringing her grandchildren to summer vacations on Lake Michigan; she felt that her times at Lake Michigan with family and friends were some of the best memories she had ever made; and

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1 WHEREAS, Maureen Barnes and her husband enjoyed traveling
2 around the country, and they looked forward to their winters
3 in Florida with their fellow snowbirds; she also kept up with
4 her sisterhood of nurses with cherished weekly and monthly
5 dinners and lunches; and

6 WHEREAS, Maureen Barnes was preceded in death by her
7 sister, Trish Milburn; and

8 WHEREAS, Maureen Barnes is survived by her husband of 49
9 years, Troy Barnes; her children, Thomas (Stacy) Barnes, Sarah
10 (David) Byun, and Brian (Whitney) Barnes; her brothers, David
11 (Kathy) and Dennis (Cindy) Mahoney; her sister, Margaret
12 "Peggy" Mahoney; her sister-in-law, Diann (Gary) Glenn; her
13 grandchildren, Kylie, Owen, Arlo, Cassidy, August, Viona, and
14 Ruth; numerous close cousins, nieces, and nephews; and the
15 hundreds of friends she made such a huge part of her life;
16 therefore, be it

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

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