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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 Ruth Ann Bush-McGaskey, who passed away on April 18, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey was born to James Alfred Bush and Willie Belle Clark Bush in Natchitoches, Louisiana on October 26, 1944; she committed to her faith at an early age and was baptized at the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith; she graduated from Natchitoches Central High School; she received her licensed practical nurse diploma from East St. Louis State Community College in 1980; she married George McGaskey on August 25, 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey cared for patients in hospitals and residents in nursing homes for over 30 years; she worked as the director of nursing at Christian Care Home in St. Louis, Missouri; after retiring from nursing, she spent time as an after-school worker at High Mount Elementary School, working with youth on various activities and homework, and as a receptionist at the Social Security Administration's Belleville office; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey volunteered at a local church's food pantry in Collinsville; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey enjoyed sewing, cooking,
2 decorating, traveling, fishing, shopping, decorating, playing
3 slots at the casino, completing crossword puzzles, dressing
4 fashionably, and scrolling through Facebook; and

5 WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey will be remembered as a
6 generous, soft-spoken, kindhearted person who loved spending
7 time with her family, especially her husband, children, and
8 grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey was preceded in death by her
10 husband; her daughter, Jacqueline Hayes; her granddaughter,
11 Tammurra Hamilton; her grandson, Darrin B. Hayes II; her
12 sisters, Vera Bush, Moise Modest, and Mary Dee McGaskey; and
13 her brothers, Joe D. Bush, Lester Bush Sr., Odell Bush, James
14 Bush Jr., Clyde Bush, and Henry Earl Bush; and

15 WHEREAS, Ruth Bush-McGaskey is survived by her children,
16 Steve McGaskey, Patrina Bush, Patrick Bush, Roderick Bush,
17 Tammy Bush-Hamilton, Latekia Bush, Javonda (Untress) Quinn,
18 and Jalonda Bush; her grandchildren, Alicia McGaskey, Corey
19 McGaskey, Szemarr McGaskey, Jaquette Sterling-Ransom, Ashley
20 Hence, Taylor Bush, Antonio Lewis, Brionnca Lewis, Frederick
21 Taylor Jr., Amare Quinn, and Aden Quinn; her
22 great-grandchildren, Taylor Jones, Kori Jones, Korianna Jones,

1 D'Aryius Jones, McKenzie Jones, Kamren Ransom, Kolby Ransom,
2 Layla Hence, Aamira Hayes, Dariana Hayes, and Darrin B. Hayes
3 III; her sister, Ola Mae Bush-Johnson; her brother, Bishop
4 Vuray Bush; and other relatives and friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Ruth Ann Bush-McGaskey and extend our sincere condolences to
8 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Ruth Bush-McGaskey as an expression
12 of our deepest sympathy.