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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 Loretta Marie (Behrendt) Tvrdy of Elk Grove Village, who passed away on July 2, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Tvrdy was born to Joseph and Josephine (Labno) Behrendt in Chicago on August 13, 1930; she attended St. Hyacinth School and Alvernia High School; her mother later married Bill Wadington, and he became an important part of her life as an adult; she married Gerald "Jerry" Tvrdy on October 22, 1955, and he preceded her in death on August 18, 1970; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Tvrdy, in addition to being a devoted wife and mother, worked as a learning center aide and then in the human resources department at Community Consolidated School District 59 in Elk Grove Village, retiring in 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Tvrdy was serious about her civic responsibilities, serving as a longtime member of the League of Women Voters; and

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WHEREAS, Loretta Tvrdy loved spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; she enjoyed traveling, experiencing dinner theater, reading, and playing cards and board games, as

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1 well as Mahjong on her ipad; she liked watching sports on
2 television and was a lifelong Cubs fan; she was also a great
3 fan of legal dramas, detective and mystery fiction, and
4 comedies; and

5 WHEREAS, Loretta Tvrdy deeply loved and supported each of
6 her six children, whom she raised single-handedly after her
7 husband's passing; she will be remembered for her great,
8 infectious laugh and meeting all challenges thrown her way;
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10 WHEREAS, Loretta Tvrdy was preceded in death by her
11 parents; her siblings, Geri (Charlie) Race, Joan (Art) Geib,
12 Joe (Rita) Behrendt, and Bob (Karen) Behrendt; and her
13 great-grandchild, Noah; and

14 WHEREAS, Loretta Tvrdy is survived by her children, Carol
15 (James) Zerkle, Ellen Tvrdy, Gayle (Robert) Fill, Stephen
16 Tvrdy, Laura (Jeff) Plys, and Gregory (Oksana) Tvrdy; her
17 grandchildren and their families, Adam (Karen) Zerkle, John
18 (Maureen) Zerkle, Michael (Emilie) Zerkle, Ariel
19 Blackshear-Tvrdy, Evan Blackshear-Tvrdy, Bryan (Heather) Fill,
20 Ashley Fill, Alyssa (Chad) Balmer, Erica Plys, and Marianna
21 (Marek) Ivanus; her great-grandchildren, Amelia, Walter,
22 Elora, Hannah, Landon, Ezra, Odin, Molly, Melanie, Julian, and
23 Edwin; and her siblings, Terri (Lee) Szadorski and Tom

1 (Janice) Behrendt; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Loretta Marie (Behrendt) Tvrdy and extend our sincere
5 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
6 her; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Loretta Tvrdy as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.