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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 Doris Judith Steffen, who passed away on June 2, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Doris Judith Steffen was the third daughter of Kenneth P. Johnston, M.D. and Doris Tyler Johnston, R.N.; she married Fred Steffen on June 25, 1960 and had three children, Julie Steffen (Detlev Pansch), F. John (Kerin Kelly), and Robert (Ketki Shroff); and

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WHEREAS, Doris Judith Steffen earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in English Literature at Northern Illinois University and attended post-graduate summer classes at Oxford and in Cambridge, England; and

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WHEREAS, Doris Judith Steffen was employed as an English teacher at Elgin and Streamwood High Schools for 19 years; she also worked as a hostess and co-manager of the restaurant Cafe Magdalena for six years; and

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WHEREAS, Doris Judith Steffen was a member of the First Congregational Church of Elgin and was active in its "Mother's Morning Out" and "Little English School" programs; she was an active member of the Elgin Junior Service Board, the Northern

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1 Kane County Cancer Society, and Women's Fitness Camp  
2 (Wisconsin); she was on the founding board of the Elgin Parent  
3 Co-Op Preschool and was a member of the Elgin Image Commission  
4 and the Elgin Symphony League; and

5 WHEREAS, Doris Judith Steffen enjoyed attending monthly  
6 book club meetings with her fellow teachers, reading The New  
7 York Times, the Daily Herald, and the Daily Courier, and  
8 solving crossword and acrostics puzzles; she was an  
9 accomplished water color painter and a member of the Fox Valley  
10 Art League; she and her husband especially enjoyed traveling  
11 and went with the Elgin Choral Union on tours to Germany,  
12 Austria, Switzerland, and England; they also traveled to  
13 Australia, China, Korea, Japan, and Bolivia; her most loved  
14 hobby, however, was caring for and riding Jazz, her 22-year-old  
15 thoroughbred mare; and

16 WHEREAS, Doris Judith Steffen is survived by her children;  
17 her grandchildren, Joan, Chloe, Lili, Nicole, Abigail, Alyssa,  
18 Liam, and Tristan; and her sisters, Charlotte Wurth and Nancy  
19 Johnston Boland (Richard); therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
22 her family and friends, the passing of Doris Judith Steffen;  
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1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Doris Judith Steffen as an  
3 expression of our sympathy.