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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 Mary Haley, who passed away on March 7, 2024 at the age of 75; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Haley was born the second of six children to Mary and Frank Haley on September 29, 1948; she lived in Oak Park her entire life, where she attended Ascension Catholic Elementary School and Siena High School; she graduated from St. Teresa's College; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Haley started her teaching career in the Catholic school system in Chicago; she began teaching at Butler School in Oak Brook in 1984, retiring in 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Haley was honored as a Distinguished Teacher during the United States Presidential Scholars National Recognition Week in Washington, D.C. after being nominated by one of her students in 1996; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Mary Haley became more involved with her community; she was an active member in the Oak Park River Forest League of Women Voters, cared for babies in the NICU at Rush Medical Center, and was an active gardener and reader at the Maze Branch Library of Oak Park; and

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1           WHEREAS, Mary Haley and her brother John also served as  
2 co-guardians for their sister Jeanne Haley, the youngest of  
3 the six Haley children; and

4           WHEREAS, Mary Haley took a deep interest in documenting  
5 the Haley family history; she was a big fan of Bruce  
6 Springsteen, even traveling to see his concerts; and

7           WHEREAS, Mary Haley will be remembered as an incredible  
8 woman and a mentor who challenged her students to grow  
9 academically, pushing them intellectually and thoughtfully;  
10 she had many dear friends, including all her neighbors on her  
11 Highland Avenue block and her family; and

12           WHEREAS, Mary Haley was preceded in death by her parents  
13 and her older brother, Bill Haley; and

14           WHEREAS, Mary Haley is survived by her siblings, Sister  
15 Jeanne Haley, John Haley, Dan Haley, and Jeanne Haley; her  
16 sisters-in-law, Peggy Haley, Julia Haley, and Mary Colleen  
17 Haley; and her nieces and nephews, Katie (Jeff) Philippe, Tom  
18 Haley (Cathy), Claire Haley, Rose Haley, Ben Haley, and Mariah  
19 Haley; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Mary Haley and extend our sincere condolences to her family,  
3 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Mary Haley as an expression of our  
6 deepest sympathy.