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STATE SENATOR • 29TH DISTRICT

Mr. Benjamin Zaveduk



February 21, 2020

Dear Benjamin,

I was saddened to hear of Adele's passing. I wanted to honor her life by sponsoring Senate Resolution 971. This resolution serves not only as a reminder of Adele's extraordinary life as Holocaust survivor, but as someone who was dedicated to educating others about intolerance and hate through her involvement with building the Illinois Holocaust Museum and sharing her story with others. Adele will be best remembered for her love for her vast community of family and friends. Enclosed is a formal copy of the resolution.

Please accept my deepest sympathy. It is my sincere hope that peace finds you and your family, and that the dear memories of your extraordinary wife comfort you during the time to come.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Morrison

State Senator, 29th District

Enclosed: SR971





ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senate Resolution No. 971

Offered by Senator Morrison and Senator Harmon, President of the Senate; and Senators Anderson, Aquino, Barickman, Belt, Bennett, Bertino-Tarrant, Brady, Bush, Castro, Collins, Crowe, Cullerton, Cunningham, Curran, DeWitte, Ellman, Feigenholtz, Fine, Fowler, Gillespie, Glowiak Hilton, Harris, Hastings, Holmes, Hunter, Jones, Joyce, Koehler, Landek, Lightford, Link, Manar, Martinez, Martwick, McClure, McConchie, McGuire, Muñoz, Murphy, Oberweis, Peters, Plummer, Rezin, Righter, Rose, Schimpf, Sims, Stadelman, Steans, Stewart, Syverson, Tracy, Van Pelt, Villanueva, Villivalam, Weaver and Wilcox.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Adele Zaveduk of Northbrook, who passed away on January 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Adele Zaveduk was born in Paris, France in August of 1937; during World War II, her father was arrested and sent to Auschwitz; her mother found a non-Jewish family in a town outside of Paris to care for her and her sister Josette before she was taken to Auschwitz as well; her parents survived Auschwitz, and the family was reunited in Paris after the war; and

WHEREAS, Adele Zaveduk then moved to Argentina with her mother after her father's death in 1951; she met and married her husband, Benjamin Zaveduk, and they moved to the Chicago area in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Adele Zaveduk was involved in the establishment of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and served as a board member and member of the Speakers' Bureau for over 25 years; her life story was published in several books, and she spoke to thousands of school children over the years about what she endured; although she did not define herself by her wartime experiences, she felt sharing her story could help in the fight against hate and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, Adele Zaveduk was a strong life force packaged in a tiny body; she played tennis and loved theater, opera, the symphony, and watching foreign-language mysteries on

TV; she always read the last page of a book first and never let anyone feel left out of a conversation; she made a mean brisket, and her flan and chocolate mousse were the highlights of many meals; she also knitted scraps of yarn into beautiful blankets for hospitalized children; and WHEREAS, Adele Zaveduk is survived by her husband, Benjamin Zaveduk; her sons, Victor (Barb) and Mitchell (Abra) Zaveduk; her grandchildren, Kaylee and Maya Zaveduk; her brother, Henri (Barbara) Zaveduk; her sisters, Josette Laznowski (Jaime Graievsky) and Sylvia Frydman (Daniel Gabe); her numerous nieces, and nephews, and their families; and an extended family of dear friends; therefore, be it RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Adele Zaveduk and extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Adele Zaveduk an expression of our deepest sympathy. Adopted by the Senate, February 5, 2020. President of the Senate Secretary of the Senate