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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 Jeanne R. Bengtson of Gurnee, who passed away on March 4, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne Bengtson was born in Ludington, Michigan to Russell and Catalina (Dowland) Vorce on June 16, 1919; she graduated from Ludington High School and married John R. "Roger" Bengtson in Ludington on September 15, 1938; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne Bengtson modeled in fashion shows and had a successful career managing the fashion department at Montgomery Ward & Company in Ludington; she organized fashion shows for charity events and wrote a column called "Jeanne Says", giving advice on the latest fashion trends; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne Bengtson was a strong swimmer in her youth, and loved to go to the beach and swim in Lake Michigan; in her later years and into her 90s, she would drive her car, "Baby", to the lakefront every day to take in the views; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne Bengtson was an avid golfer and played regularly at Lincoln Hills Golf Club and in tournaments around Illinois; her hobbies included playing bridge and other card games; she was a member of the Elks Club, the Ludington Boat

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1 Club, the Ludington Yacht Club, and the Lincoln Hills Golf
2 Club; she was a parishioner of St. Simon Catholic Church in
3 Ludington; she and her husband were longtime members of the
4 Ludington Yacht Club and boated for many years, enjoying long
5 trips and cruising to various ports along Lake Michigan; and

6 WHEREAS, Jeanne Bengtson was preceded in death by her
7 husband of over 50 years, John; her son, Jon Bengtson; and her
8 brother, Jacque Vorce; and

9 WHEREAS, Jeanne Bengtson is survived by her daughter, Jill
10 (Jerry) Nerheim; her son, Jack (Judy) Bengtson; her
11 daughter-in-law, Karen Bengtson; her grandchildren, Lori
12 Nerheim, Julie (David) Scroggins, Steve (Kimberly) Nerheim,
13 Michael (Andraea) Nerheim, Beth (Scott) Morey, Ryan (Nicole)
14 Bengtson, Jon Bengtson, and Josh Bengtson; her
15 great-grandchildren, Mary Ann, Christopher, and Mabel
16 Scroggins, Elyce and Steffen Nerheim, Mason, Grace, and Matthew
17 Nerheim, Reece, Makenna, and Callan Morey, and Holly and
18 Addison Bengtson; her brother, Russel (Nancy) Vorce; her
19 sister, Louise "Weedie" Thomsen; and numerous nieces and
20 nephews; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Jeanne R. Bengtson, and extend our sincere condolences to her

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Jeanne Bengtson as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.