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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Joan R. Black of Crystal Lake, who passed  
4 away on March 20, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Joan Black was born in Chicago to Olaf Mikal and  
6 Flora Lillian (Eliason) Rasmussen on September 22, 1945; and

7 WHEREAS, Joan Black was a retired teacher and librarian and  
8 had a deep passion for reading and inspiring children; and

9 WHEREAS, Joan Black was a member of two long-standing book  
10 clubs and an active member of the Ridgefield - Crystal Lake  
11 Presbyterian Church community; she was a proud Norwegian and  
12 her passions included gardening, puzzles, games, and most of  
13 all, spending time with her family; and

14 WHEREAS, Joan Black was preceded in death by the love of  
15 her life, John H. "Jack" Black, Jr. and her parents, Olaf Mikal  
16 and Flora Lillian Rasmussen; and

17 WHEREAS, Joan Black is survived by her brother, Ralph  
18 (Dianne) Rasmussen; her sons, Gardner (Stacey) Hjerpe, and Adam  
19 (Heidi) Hjerpe; her nieces, Tiffany (John) Kees and Lara  
20 (Roger) Anderson; her stepdaughters, Jackie Torres, Pat

1 Breeding-Black, and Laurie (Lewis Toda) Black; 10  
2 grandchildren, Matt (Christy) Hjerpe, Megan, Rachael, Emily,  
3 Ella, and Nicole Hjerpe, Renee Thomas, Chris Torres, Vicki  
4 (Mark) Gres, and Courtney (David) Tucker; 11  
5 great-grandchildren, Leiah and Landon Hjerpe, Kendall Thomas,  
6 Chelsea, Wesley, and Paige Torres, Taylor and Travis Walsh,  
7 Evan, Jolie, and Eme Gres; and an immeasurable number of dear  
8 friends for whom she was extremely grateful; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Joan R. Black, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Joan Black as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.