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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 Bernice Jane "Bunny" Gora of Crystal Lake, who passed away on September 3, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Bernice Gora was born in Chicago to Thomas Beatty and Grace Schultz on August 29, 1929; she married John R. Gora in Chicago in November 1955, and they later divorced; and

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WHEREAS, Bernice Gora worked as a telephone switchboard operator at Passion Construction Company; after moving to Crystal Lake, she opened Bunny's Ceramic Studio in her basement; she taught ceramics for over 40 years; in addition to teaching ceramics, she also held many other jobs, including house cleaner, waitress, and cook, until she joined Illinois Bell Telephone Company as a repair operator, from which she retired in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Bernice Gora was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Crystal Lake; she volunteered for many organizations, including Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society, McHenry County Multiple Sclerosis Society, Project Linus, and the McHenry County Senior Services Association in Crystal Lake; she enjoyed ceramics, gardening, knitting, and crocheting blankets; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bernice Gora was preceded in death by her parents;
2 and her sister, Patricia Roderick; and

3 WHEREAS, Bernice Gora is survived by her daughters, Kitty
4 (Colin) Comer, Judy Sopala, and Cindy (Tom) Hayden; her
5 grandsons, Thomas Spence and Luke Hayden; her niece, Patricia
6 Roderick; her nephew, Michael Roderick; and many lifelong
7 friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Bernice Jane "Bunny" Gora, and extend our sincere condolences
11 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Bernice Gora as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.