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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Elizabeth "Liz" Buirts Lay, who passed
4 away on October 29, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Lay was born in Woodruff, Arkansas to
6 Andrew and Obie Mae Buirts on September 5, 1937, the fourth of
7 seven daughters; she committed to her faith at an early age at
8 Vine Hill Baptist Church in Cotton Plant, Arkansas; she
9 graduated from Cotton Plant Vocational High School, and she
10 later relocated to Chicago; she married Samuel J. Lay on
11 October 21, 1966; and

12 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Lay retired from Cook County Hospital
13 after 38 years of service; and

14 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Lay was a member of the Order of the
15 Eastern Star Chapter #48 and the Heritage International
16 Christian Church, where she worshiped under the leadership of
17 Bishop Dwight Gunn, Senior Pastor, and was active in God's
18 Seniors on the Move and the Missions Ministries; and

19 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Lay was preceded in death by her
20 parents; and her sisters, Ethel Sawyer, Deborah Brown, and Ella
21 Buirts; and

1 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Lay is survived by her loving husband,
2 Samuel; her daughter, Debbie Lay; her sons, Bobby (Joyce) Lay
3 and Michael Lay; her stepson, Scott Julion Lay; her sisters,
4 Betty (Sue) Atkins, Gloria Buirts, Dorothy (Dot) Buirts; her
5 grandchildren, Valencia V. Johnson, Lemara S. Rutledge, Robert
6 F. Lay, and Christopher J. Lay; her great-granddaughter, Lauren
7 Faith Hill; her best friend, Icola Lewis; and her many nieces
8 and nephews; 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 Elizabeth "Liz" Buirts Lay and extend our sincere condolences
12 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
13 it further

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