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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Loretta Dessen of Urbana, who passed away
4 on September 4, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Loretta Dessen was born in Chicago to Philip and
6 Lila (Ziven) Katz on May 26, 1931; she was raised in Rogers
7 Park and graduated from Senn High School in 1949; she attended
8 the University of New Mexico and the University of Illinois;
9 she met Edward Dessen at a summer camp in Wisconsin, where they
10 both worked as camp counselors; they married in 1951; and

11 WHEREAS, Loretta Dessen and her husband were known as the
12 founders of Illini Studio photography, which remains in
13 business today; in the mid 1960s, she established Farmlake Day
14 Camp, where she taught many local children how to swim, ride
15 horses, and sing camp songs; she was known for her repertoire
16 of camp songs and her grilled cheese and tomato soup lunches;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, After retiring from Illini Studio, Loretta Dessen
19 welcomed students from the University of Illinois to Farmlake
20 for barn dances and was fondly known as the Chex Mix Lady; and

21 WHEREAS, Loretta Dessen was preceded in death by her

1 husband, Edward; and

2 WHEREAS, Loretta Dessen is survived by her children, David
3 (Deborah) Dessen, Jonathon (Patricia) Dessen, and Ruth Ami
4 Dessen; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; her
5 sister and brother-in-law, Adrian (Skookie) and Sandy Bernsen;
6 and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Loretta Dessen and extend our sincere condolences to her
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Loretta Dessen as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.