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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 Mary Ivalyn Carter Bowden Hill of Dowling Park, Florida, who passed away on August 14, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Hill was born in Waycross, Georgia to Ivy and Mary (Strickland) Carter on March 6, 1932; she helped to manage her father's general store when she was young and worked through high school at the famous Ware Hotel in downtown Waycross and for the Bell Telephone Company switchboard; she had a summer stint rolling the final wrapping onto King Edward cigars; after graduating high school, she attended Aurora College; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Hill married and had children, before moving with her Bowden Family to Peoria, where she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1971 at Bradley University; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Hill began her professional life in the service of others by teaching homemaking and money management skills to young mothers in Peoria's Urban Living Renewal Project; she then joined the Illinois Department on Aging and rose through the ranks, becoming the Chief of the Bureau of Field Operations for the department's Division of Long-Term Care; and

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1           WHEREAS, In 1979, Mary Hill helped develop and establish  
2 the Illinois Department on Aging's Community Care Program,  
3 which helps senior citizens, who might otherwise need nursing  
4 home care, to remain in their own homes by providing in-home  
5 and community-based services; and

6           WHEREAS, Upon her retirement, the Illinois Association of  
7 Community Care Program Homecare Providers chose to recognize  
8 Mary Hill with the naming of the Mary I. Hill Award; and

9           WHEREAS, Mary Hill moved to Dowling Park, Florida to the  
10 Advent Christian Village, where she kept busy, volunteering for  
11 several years as manager of the Twice Nice Resale Shop in the  
12 Village Commons, helping to generate proceeds in support of the  
13 Advent Christian Village Benevolent Fund; she enjoyed reading,  
14 cultivating her wondrous backyard garden, actively  
15 participating in the church community, taking advantage of  
16 hydro-therapy at the Copland Center, chasing sunsets, cooking  
17 southern specialties like biscuits and gravy, and traveling the  
18 Florida coastline and the world; she often tended to others,  
19 visiting and comforting seniors; and

20           WHEREAS, Mary Hill was preceded in death by her parents;  
21 her brothers, Avant, Sylvanis, Arliss, Felice, Buford, Wylie,  
22 and Curtis; and her stepmother, Vera (Lewis) Carter; and

1           WHEREAS, Mary Hill is survived by her children, Mary  
2 Ricketson, Marsha Buckley, Michele (Jim) Haptonstahl, Michael  
3 Bowden, and Melinda (Jeff) Selke; 10 grandchildren; three  
4 great-grandchildren; her brothers, Edward and Tommy Carter;  
5 and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, and others who  
6 were like family to her; 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 Mary Ivalyn Carter Bowden Hill and extend our sincere  
10 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
11 her; and be it further

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