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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 Luceille Marie (Gleim) Werner of the Long Point and Streator area, who passed away on July 6, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Luceille Werner was born to Louis and Ina Gleim of rural Grand Ridge on October 26, 1925; she married Vincent Arthur Werner at the Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church in Streator on October 26, 1946; she earned her M.S. in Supervision and Administration from Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Luceille Werner was an educator whose career spanned nearly six decades; she began as a teacher in a one room school house from 1944 to 1954; she was a fourth grade teacher at Long Point Grade School from 1955 to 1959; she served as the supervisor for Woodland, Long Point, and Wilson Elementary Schools from 1959 to 1966; next, she was the curriculum consultant for the Illinois North-Central Region; she then served as the director of the U.S. Department of Education's program On the Way to Success in Reading and Writing, which was implemented in 7,000 school districts across the nation from 1970 to 2002; she also helped expand the family farm operation; and

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1           WHEREAS, Luceille Werner traveled the nation and the world  
2 as an ambassador for excellence in education; she received  
3 numerous awards and accolades for her service towards improving  
4 education, including being recognized on the floor of the  
5 Illinois Senate by Senator Jason Barickman and by proclamation  
6 from then-Governor Bruce Rauner in 2016; and

7           WHEREAS, Luceille Werner was a member of several  
8 organizations, including P.E.O., the Athena Club, and the Lindy  
9 Club; she was a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist  
10 Church and taught Sunday school for 25 years; she served as  
11 president of the LaSalle County Historical Society twice and  
12 co-founded the LaSalle County Historical Society's Aitken One  
13 Room Schoolhouse program; and

14           WHEREAS, Luceille Werner was preceded in death by her  
15 husband of 64 years, Vincent Arthur Werner; her parents; her  
16 daughter-in-law, Ann (Phillip); and her grandson, David; and

17           WHEREAS, Luceille Werner is survived by her sons, Phillip  
18 (the late Ann) and John (Joyce); her grandchildren, Deborah,  
19 Robert, Kristina, Jason (Laurie), Jeff (Elizabeth), and Joel  
20 (Kristin); her great-grandchildren, Jacob Jonathan, Claire  
21 Grace, Isla Elizabeth, Malachi Jeremiah, Vienna Elizabeth, and  
22 Gavin James; her sister, Mary (Davis) Small; and her several  
23 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 Luceille Marie (Gleim) Werner and extend our sincere  
4 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
5 her; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Luceille Werner as an expression of  
8 our deepest sympathy.