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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 Louise Barr of Wood River, who passed away on July 25, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Barr was born in St. Louis, Missouri to Helen (Diederich) and Henry Louis Dahm on February 11, 1922; she attended St. Ann Catholic Grade School in Normandy, Missouri and then Incarnate Word Academy in Normandy for two years; she graduated from Nerinx Hall High School in Webster Groves, Missouri and cum laude from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana in 1943 with a degree in English and a minor in journalism; she married Joseph James Barr at St. Ann Catholic Church in Normandy on September 25, 1945; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Barr was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church (now Holy Angels Parish) since 1945; she was active in the Parent Teacher Association at St. Bernard School, organizing the first band and substitute teaching; she was an original member of the Daughters of Isabella and a longtime member of the St. Anne Altar Society; she volunteered her time to play piano at the local nursing homes, teach the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and lead prayer groups at church; in 2012, she was designated the "Woman of Distinction" of that parish; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mary Barr assisted her husband in his re-election
2 campaigns as a Madison County Circuit Judge throughout his
3 career; she was a loving mother, grandmother, and aunt, and a
4 dear friend to all who knew her; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Barr was preceded in death by her husband,
6 Joseph; her parents; her children who died in infancy, Michael
7 Lewis, John Robert, Ann Marie, and Theresa Ann; her brothers,
8 Henry L. Dahm Jr. and John V. Dahm; her brothers-in-law, Bruce
9 Newman and Thomas Kenney; and her sisters-in-law, Marjorie
10 Mossman Kenney (Barr) and Joyce Dahm; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Barr is survived by her children, Joseph E.
12 (Jacqueline) Barr, James P. Barr, Mary E. (Donald) Elliott,
13 Patricia A. (Ronald) Fulks, and Janet S. (Stephen) Hoelscher;
14 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; her sister, Helen
15 Newman; and her sister-in-law, Kathy Dahm; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Mary Louise Barr, and extend our sincere condolences to her
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Mary Barr as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.