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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 Dr. Jean A. Bowen of Elgin, who passed away on September 16, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen was born in Joliet to John and Helen (Olson) Gerber on February 11, 1942; she grew up in Fairbury and was a graduate of Fairbury-Cropsey High School; she received a Bachelor of Arts from Millikin University, a Master of Arts from the University of Illinois, and a Doctor of Education from Loyola University; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen began her career in education at Johns Hill Junior High School in Decatur; she then worked as a guidance counselor at Centennial High School in Champaign; after she moved to Elgin, she taught at Abbott Junior High School; she then moved to Larkin High School and was a guidance counselor, assistant principal, and head of the Fine Arts Academy; and finally, she was the first principal of South Elgin High School; she was a dedicated advocate for all of her students; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen was active in the community and served in many organizations; she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, the Elgin Junior Women's Club, and the Elgin Service

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1 Board; her service also included membership on the Board of the
2 Community Crisis Center, the Board of the Elgin Sports Hall of
3 Fame, and the Board of the U-46 Educational Foundation; she was
4 a longtime member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, where
5 she was in the choir and served in many capacities; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen was preceded in death by her parents;
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8 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen is survived by her husband of 53 years,
9 Gary; her sons, John T. (Jori) and David A. (Christine); her
10 grandchildren, Camille, Drew, and Keira; her sister, Janet
11 (Tom) Mann; her brothers, John Gerber and Paul (Sharon) Gerber;
12 and her many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Dr. Jean A. Bowen, and extend our sincere condolences to her
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Dr. Bowen as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.