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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 Helen Marie Emerick of Wood River, who passed away on October 11, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Emerick was born at her family's home in Alton to Walter Talmage and Lena (Griffin) Greer in 1924; she married Edward Leroy Emerick in Seattle, Washington in 1944; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Emerick spent her adult life working as a secretary and raising her family; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Emerick was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church in Wood River; she was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and had her dream come true when her granddaughter's husband pitched for the Cardinals; she loved her singing group, The Sweet Sounds; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Emerick was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Walter T. and Lindsey Carroll; and her sisters, Ruby and Eva; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Emerick is survived by her husband, Edward; her daughter, Donna Smith (Dan); her sons, Dale (Joy), Dana

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1 (Micki), and Dean (Sheila); her grandchildren, Nicole (Will)
2 Balcom, Ryne (Elizabeth) Emerick, Leah (Keith) Butler, Daniel,
3 Danelle, and Drew; her great-grandchildren; and her special
4 nieces, Evalena O'Dell and Eloise JoHann; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Helen Marie Emerick, and extend our sincere condolences to her
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Helen Emerick as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.