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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 Joan Iva Willaredt of Edwardsville, who passed away on October 13, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Willaredt was born in her family home near St. Jacob to Oliver and Mayme (Liebler) Thurnau on November 10, 1932; she graduated from Highland High School in 1950 and married George Willaredt at St. John E & R Church in Granite City on November 12, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, After living on a farm in Granite City for the first four years of their marriage, Joan Willaredt and her husband moved to the Edwardsville area, where they operated a vegetable, grain, and horseradish farm; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Willaredt was an active member of Eden Church; she bowled in leagues and was involved in the Farm Bureau Women's Committee; she enjoyed traveling across the United States and abroad, visiting with family and friends, and playing cards; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Willaredt was preceded in death by her siblings, Harold (Laurine) Thurnau, Lyla (Dale) Gerstenecker, Jeanette (Louis) Taylor, and Cliff Thurnau; and her brothers-

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1 and sisters-in-law, Delmar Nungesser, Henry Pirok, Betty
2 Thurnau, Alvin (LaVerne) Willaredt, Harley Willaredt, and Bill
3 Keller; and

4 WHEREAS, Joan Willaredt is survived by her husband, George;
5 her daughters, Pam (Fred) Heepke, Nancy (Jerry) Kruckeberg, and
6 Jill (Kerry) Bertels; her grandchildren and
7 great-grandchildren, Jeff (Marcy) Heepke and children, Grace
8 and Emma, Dennis (Molly) Heepke and children, Lucy and Henry,
9 Ross Heepke, Brad Kruckeberg, Tim (Gracie) Kruckeberg, Eric
10 (Nichole) Bertels and children, Samantha, Stephanie, and
11 Sophia, Kurt (Karen) Bertels and son, Brennan, and Mark
12 Bertels; her sisters, Olive Nungesser and Eleanor Pirok; her
13 brothers, Warren Thurnau and Robert (Dorothy) Thurnau; and her
14 sisters-in-law, Betty Thurnau, Wilma Willaredt, Doris Keller,
15 and Darlene (Joe) Schroeder; 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 Joan Iva Willaredt, 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
22 presented to the family of Joan Willaredt as an expression of
23 our deepest sympathy.