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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 Phyllis Duff of Savoy, who passed away on December 17, 2017 at the age of 88; and

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WHEREAS, Phyllis Duff earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Miami University of Ohio and a Master of Education from the University of Illinois; she married Franklin Duff in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 14, 1954 and they lived in Ohio and New York before settling in Champaign in 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Phyllis Duff briefly taught school in Cincinnati; she later taught for 22 years in Champaign Unit 4 Schools, retiring in 1990; 18 of those years were spent at Bottenfield Elementary School; she had a great affection for her students and for many years after retirement she was often recognized and approached by former students or their parents; and

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WHEREAS, Phyllis Duff enjoyed spending time with her family and friends; she also loved to read; she and her husband enjoyed traveling in the United States and abroad; they attended over 25 elder hostel programs across the U.S.; since 2012, they enjoyed residing at the Windsor of Savoy; and

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WHEREAS, Phyllis Duff had a wonderful sense of humor, a

1 joyful spirit, and a smile that would light up any room; and

2 WHEREAS, Phyllis Duff is survived by her loving husband,  
3 Frank; her children, Cathy Berrahou, Betsy (Mark) Strong, and  
4 Brian Duff; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and  
5 her brothers, James W. and William C. Stephenson; therefore, be  
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7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Phyllis Duff, and extend our sincere condolences to her family,  
10 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Phyllis Duff as an expression of our  
13 deepest sympathy.