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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Bonita Yerke at the age of 106; and

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WHEREAS, Bonita Yerke was born in a house in Chemung to
5 Charles and Bess (Conyes) Ambler on November 25, 1911; as a
6 young girl, she worked at her father's general store in
7 Chemung; she attended the Chemung School and graduated from
8 Harvard High School in 1929; she graduated from beautician
9 school in 1920; she married William "Bill" Yerke at the Trinity
10 Lutheran Church Chapel in Harvard on August 9, 1936; and

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WHEREAS, Bonita Yerke worked at the Condensary Factory,
12 which is now Dean's Food; after graduating from beautician
13 school, she began working in Belvidere; she then operated a
14 beauty shop out of her home before working at Olivia's Beauty
15 Shop in Harvard for many years; she also helped operate Yerke's
16 Garage in Chemung until Bill retired in 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Bonita Yerke was a lifelong member of the Chemung
18 Methodist Church, where she served as a Sunday School teacher
19 and a member of the Ladies Aid Society; she was a member of the
20 Women of the Moose, the Golden Agers, and the Harvard Grange
21 Organization; she was secretary and treasurer of the
22 Chemung/Dunham Cemetery for many years; she enjoyed traveling

1 to Hot Springs, Arkansas and the Western United States with
2 Bill; and

3 WHEREAS, Bonita Yerke was preceded in death by her husband,
4 William; her brother, Harold (Ike) Ambler; and her
5 great-granddaughter, Erica Porter; and

6 WHEREAS, Bonita Yerke is survived by her sons, Gordon and
7 Charles (Kathy) Yerke; her grandchildren, Andrea (Scot)
8 Hastings, Amanda (Eric) Porter, Kirk (Galit) Yerke, and James
9 (Sally) Rosson; her great-grandchildren, Dallas and Austin
10 Hasting, Eric, Jayden, and Elexa Porter, Abigail Yerke, and
11 Kimberly Rosson; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Bonita Yerke and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
15 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Bonita Yerke as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.