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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 Norma Jean Clem Bailey of Danville, who passed away on June 3, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Bailey was born in Danville to Paul Dennis and Elsie Irene Wilson Clem on September 16, 1925; she graduated from Danville High School in 1943, where she was in an a cappella choir with Bobby Short and Dick Van Dyke; she attended one year of college in Terre Haute, Indiana; she married James Richard "Jim" Bailey at St. James United Methodist Church in Danville on April 13, 1947; she graduated magna cum laude from Indiana State University in 1961 and earned her master's degree in education from the University of Illinois in 1963; she completed post-graduate work on a doctoral dissertation on two-year college reading programs; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Bailey taught in the Danville school system for ten years; she retired from the adult education department at Danville Area Community College after 27 years; she was the first GED teacher at DACC and established a reading lab and learning center at the college; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Bailey was a member of the Danville branch of

1 the American Association of University Women, where she served  
2 as treasurer; she was a past president of the Alpha Iota  
3 Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a co-founder, first vice  
4 president, and then president of the Vermilion Valley Reading  
5 Council; she was treasurer and then holder of the line of  
6 offices leading to the presidency of the Illinois Reading  
7 Council of the International Reading Association; and

8 WHEREAS, Jean Bailey enjoyed spending time with her family,  
9 reading, traveling, going to antique shops, flea markets, and  
10 festivals, and working on family genealogy and photo albums;  
11 she and Jim enjoyed their 70th wedding anniversary celebration  
12 with family and friends; and

13 WHEREAS, Jean Bailey was preceded in death by her parents;  
14 and several of her aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

15 WHEREAS, Jean Bailey is survived by her husband, Jim; her  
16 sons, Terry Wayne (Debbie) Bailey and Jim Dennis (Kathy)  
17 Bailey; her daughter, Cheryl Jean (Bill) Bequette; her  
18 grandchildren, Shannon Elizabeth Bailey, David Wayne Bailey,  
19 Joshua Joseph Votaw, Lindy Sue (Jason) Miller, Andrew William  
20 (Julie) Bailey, and Jessica Paige (A.J.) Lewis; her  
21 great-grandchildren, Nicholas Charles Stephens, Tevin  
22 Christopher Ford, Brandon Thomas Price, Cameron James Price, AJ  
23 Miller, Lucy Grace Miller, twins Avery Elizabeth and Caroline

1 Elise Bequette, Revan Alexander Bailey, Gabrielle Paige Lewis,  
2 and Gracie Kate Lewis; her great-great-grandchildren, Kendrick  
3 Wayne Ford and Remii Elizabeth Ford; and her many cousins,  
4 nieces, and nephews; 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 Norma Jean Clem Bailey and extend our sincere condolences to  
8 her 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 Jean Bailey as an expression of our  
12 deepest sympathy.