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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 Betsy G. Berry of Michigan City, Indiana, who passed away on April 26, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Berry was born in Chicago; she served in the U.S. Navy in the 1940s and graduated from Roosevelt University; she married Edwin C. "Bill" Berry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in September 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Berry had a successful career as a real estate agent in the Hyde Park area; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Berry moved to Michigan City, Indiana in the late 1980s; she worked with the Three Oaks Food Pantry and volunteered at the homeless shelter; she was on the Literacy Advisory Board of the Michigan City Public Library, where she tutored English as a second language; she was a mentor at the Hours For Ours program at Michigan City schools and served as a board member of the North Central Community Action Agency; she was dedicated to promoting civil rights throughout her lifetime; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Berry was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her adopted son, Myron H. Wahls; and her brother, Robert

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2 WHEREAS, Betsy Berry is survived by her adopted children,
3 Joseph M. Berry, Charles Carter, Westina Matthews Shatteen, and
4 Melanie Berry; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; many
5 nieces and nephews; and numerous friends in the Michigan City
6 and Chicago area; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Betsy G. Berry and extend our sincere condolences to her
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Betsy Berry as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.