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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 Mary Pearl Hitchings of Litchfield, who passed away on June 23, 2019 at the age of 104; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Hitchings was born in Raymond to Roman Sr. and Lena (Oberkfell) Herman at the family farm on July 23, 1914; she married Herschel F. Hitchings at the St. Raymond parsonage on May 14, 1933; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Hitchings was a domestic housekeeper and cleaned the Raymond Post Office and library; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Hitchings was affectionately known as "Auntie Pearl"; she helped raise numerous children and loved children in general; even though she was never a mother of her own, she was a mother to many; she was a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Raymond and was active in the Altar and Rosary Society; she was the one and only Senior Queen of the Raymond 4th of July Celebration since 1986; she enjoyed playing and hosting card parties and quilting; she was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and raised chickens and sold eggs; she was a wonderful cook and was famous for her noodles and angel food cake; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mary Hitchings was preceded in death by her
2 parents; her husband, Herschel; her brothers, Roman Jr.,
3 Raymond, and Louis Herman; her sisters, Opal Wagahoff and May
4 Herman; her niece, Rena Lou Herman; her nephews, Bob, Harold,
5 and Kenny Wagahoff; her great-nephews, Dan and Joe Wagahoff;
6 and her great-great-niece, Melinda Marten; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Hitchings is survived by her nieces and
8 nephews, Mary Francis "Toots" Walch, Gail (Mike) Meisner, Jack
9 Wagahoff, Jerry (Vi) Herman, John (Cheryl) Herman, and Bob
10 (Karen) Herman; her great-nieces, Diane Bradbury, Judy (Earl)
11 Law, Jean (Dan) Matthews, Janet Komor, Jackie (Wade) Clay,
12 Jennifer (Roger) Anderson, Donna Wagahoff, Marlene (Carl)
13 Marten, Debbie Massey, Jacklyn (Jeff) Still, Debbie (Bruce)
14 Jokisch, Julie (Bill) Malach, Dana (Mike) Prather, Amy (David)
15 Lovelady, Kristen (Trent) Seed, Kelly (John) Klopp, Kerri
16 (Mike) Brockmeyer, Tara (Shane) Gilpin, Katie (Gary) Dulak,
17 Anjenete Way, and Ashleigh (Adam) Rockwell; and her
18 great-nephews, Dale (Rhea) Wagahoff, Jim (Diane) Wagahoff,
19 Jerry (Donna) Wagahoff, Bob (Kate) Wagahoff, Carl (Janet)
20 Walch, Rick (Debbie) Wagahoff, Kent (Kim) Wagahoff, Randy
21 (Tammy) Wagahoff, Tod (Megan) Meisner, Ty (Marla) Herman, Ray
22 Clem, Matthew (Maria Gabriela) Herman, Mark (Michele) Herman,
23 Rush Herman, Zachary Herman, Noah (Betsy) Herman, and Ben
24 (Chelsea) Herman; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Mary Pearl Hitchings and extend our sincere condolences to her
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Mary Hitchings as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.