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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Virginia Sue Barlow of Farmer City, who 4 passed away on December 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Barlow was born in Urbana to Charles and Guyneth Keysear on June 25, 1939; she attended elementary and junior high school in Normal and graduated from Moore High School in Farmer City in 1957; she married Roger Barlow at the Farmer City United Methodist Church on November 12, 1960; she and Roger moved to Cissna Park in the 1970s and returned to the Farmer City area in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Barlow was a teacher's aide in the Farmer City-Mansfield School District and later worked as an office manager for Classic Coil in Farmer City; she also worked as an engineer's aid at the Clinton Power Station, retiring in May of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Barlow had a passion for the family dogs, and she and Roger volunteered with Mobile Mutts, an organization which helps transfer adopted dogs to their forever homes; they also shared a love for country music and local opry shows; together, they helped create the Prairie Promenaders Square Dance Club in the 1970s; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Virginia Barlow enjoyed the holidays, including 2 the annual traditions of baking, decorating, and shopping; the
- 3 team at her son Ken's business always awaited and appreciated
- 4 the arrival of new candies from her kitchen; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Virginia Barlow was preceded in death by her
- 6 parents; an infant son, Timothy; and her brothers, Rick and
- 7 Guy; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Virginia Barlow is survived by her husband, Roger;
- 9 her sons, Kevin and Ken; her niece, Tabitha Keysear; her
- 10 nephew, Tim Keysear; her grand-nieces, Victoria Lenz, Savannah
- 11 Budd, and Jacqueline Keysear; her grand-nephew, Logan Keysear;
- and her grand-dog, Dugger; therefore, be it
- 13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
- 14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 15 Virginia Sue Barlow and extend our sincere condolences to her
- 16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 17 further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 19 presented to the family of Virginia Barlow as an expression of
- 20 our deepest sympathy.