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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 Miriam B. Fry; and

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WHEREAS, Miriam Fry was born in 1917 in Wheeling; after
5 spending her early childhood in Wheeling, she graduated from
6 Arlington Heights High School in 1935; as a teenager, she moved
7 with her family to Naperville, where she attended North Central
8 College, worked at North Central's library, and received her
9 bachelor's degree in English in 1939; and

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WHEREAS, After college, Miriam Fry moved to Detroit, where
11 her husband, Arthur, was a research physicist for General
12 Motors; following the death of her husband, she moved from
13 Detroit back into her parents' home in Naperville, where she
14 immediately went looking for work at the local library; and

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WHEREAS, Miriam Fry served as the director of the Nichols
16 Library in Naperville for 34 years until her retirement in
17 1984; during her tenure, she performed an extensive update of
18 the library's files, ordered thousands of new books, and
19 created an audiovisual department; she was instrumental in
20 automating the library's card system after the purchase of the
21 library's first computers in the early 1980s; she also helped
22 push through a referendum measure for a new 63,000-square-foot

1 library, which opened at Jefferson and Jackson Avenues in
2 Naperville in 1986; and

3 WHEREAS, Miriam Fry was preceded in death by her husband,
4 Arthur; and

5 WHEREAS, Miriam Fry is survived by her sons, Gary and
6 James; her brother, Rollin Bubern; her 6 grandchildren; and her
7 11 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 her family and friends, the passing of Miriam B. Fry; and be it
11 further

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