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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 Janet J. Lehman of Naperville, who passed away on February 13, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born Janet J. Coggins in Lenoir, North Carolina; after graduating from Duke University, she was working as a social worker in North Carolina when her employer sent her to a summer program on alcohol studies at Yale University; there, she met a young minister, Kenneth Lehman, who worked on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana; and

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WHEREAS, They later realized that their callings were intertwined and within a year were married; after a few years in Montana, the couple moved to Naperville, where in 1960 they co-founded Knox Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Lehman sang in the choir and continued her career in social work; and

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WHEREAS, In 1990, Mrs. Lehman helped create a chapter of the Stephen Ministry at Knox Presbyterian Church, where she trained lay members in providing one-on-one care and counseling to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, unemployed, and those facing a crisis or life challenge; and

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WHEREAS, After raising her children, Mrs. Lehman received a

1 master's degree in social work from George Williams College in
2 Downers Grove and soon after began a 10-year career as a school
3 social worker in several area school districts, including
4 Naperville School District 204, as well as districts in
5 Yorkville, Oswego, Sandwich, and Lisle; and

6 WHEREAS, In more recent years, she was a marriage counselor
7 and had a private counseling office in Oswego; and

8 WHEREAS, Janet Lehman is survived by her husband, Reverend
9 Kenneth Lehman; her son, Michael; her daughters, Ginny Shugert
10 and Tricia Ullestad; and her seven grandchildren; therefore, be
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12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 her family and friends, the passing of Janet Lehman; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Janet Lehman as a symbol of our
18 sincere sympathy.