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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 Virginia Bell Marsh Gore, formerly of Decatur, who passed away on May 21, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was the daughter of Rev. Dr. Thomas Harley Marsh and Bertha Anderson Marsh; she married Norman J. Gore; she devoted her life to children, teaching students with physical disabilities at Gastman School; she was a kindergarten teacher/principal at Argenta-Oreana for many years, retiring at age 70; and

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WHEREAS, She was recognized by the State of Illinois as an expert in early childhood education where her kindergarten was a state demonstration center; Illinois College named her as a Distinguished Alum for her work as an educator; as a member of Decatur's First Baptist Church, she served in many leadership roles including youth group advisor and ABW President; she helped form the church's pre-school program and was a member of the Builder's Class; and

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WHEREAS, As a community volunteer, she held memberships in Delta Kappa Gamma, Kiwanis, Junior Welfare, Civil War Roundtable, and many other organizations; during World War II, she helped form what would later become occupational therapy

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1 services at Decatur Memorial Hospital, where she also
2 volunteered with the Auxiliary; she served as a troop leader
3 for the Girl Scouts, leading one troop to serve as Junior
4 Auxiliary volunteers at the hospital; and

5 WHEREAS, She was well-respected for her lively intellect
6 that made her a life-long learner; she attended Illinois
7 College and graduated from Millikin University, where she
8 received her Bachelors and Masters degrees; she was an
9 international traveler, having climbed the Great Wall for the
10 third time at age 88; and

11 WHEREAS, Virginia Bell Marsh Gore is survived by her
12 daughters, Susan Ahmad (Syed) and Joan Krupa (Ted); her 7
13 grandchildren, Omar Ahmad (Jennifer), Sufia Fleming (William),
14 Adham Ahmad (Stephani), Kamron Ahmad (Kirsten), Stephen Krupa
15 (Deborah), Mark Krupa, and Matthew Krupa; her brother, John
16 Marsh; her 8 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and
17 nephews; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 her family and friends, the passing of Virginia Bell Marsh
21 Gore; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Virginia Bell Marsh Gore as a symbol
2 of our sincere sympathy.