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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 Belle Lyons of Peoria, formerly of Hanna City, who passed away on June 10, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, She was born March 17, 1931, in Flora, to Jesse and Velma (King) Harrison; she married William C. "Bill" Lyons on November 30, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, She worked for Illinois Bell and AT&T for over 35 years before retiring in 1988 as a dispatch controller; she was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and I.B.E.W. Local 34; and

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WHEREAS, She was an avid and longtime volunteer at Peoria Neighborhood House, volunteered weekly at Bel-Wood Nursing Home for 15 years, and was remembered for her involvement with the Hanna City Grade School PTA, as a Cub Scout den mother, and as a sheriff's tour guide at the Peoria County Jail; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her brother, Carl D. Harrison; and her sister, L. Maxine Bailey Williams; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Belle Lyons is survived by her sons, Cal

1 (Joni) Lyons and Kevin Lyons; her grandchildren, Callie (David)
2 Jayne, Cara (Joel) Fulkerson, and Julie Lyons; her
3 great-grandchildren, Audrey Claire Jayne, Lydia Paige Jayne,
4 Ezra Anthony Fulkerson, and Annie Joy Fulkerson; her brother,
5 James T. Harrison; and James E. (Tammy) Dalrymple, whom she
6 treated as a son; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 her family and friends, the passing of Mary Belle Lyons; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Mary Belle Lyons as a symbol of our
13 sincere sympathy.