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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were deeply
3 saddened to learn of the death of Rita G. Harvard, of
4 Naperville, who passed away on June 15, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on June 28, 1929, in Aurora to Walter
6 and Grace Fredenhagen; she met her husband-to-be at Naperville
7 High School, from which they both graduated in 1947; they were
8 married for 31 years; and

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WHEREAS, She attended Monmouth College earning a bachelors
of science in biology and was inducted into the Mortar Board
11 Honor Society; she spent two years teaching in Dixon; she
12 taught Sunday School at Grace United Methodist Church for 12
13 years, also serving as Sunday school superintendent and helping
14 design the church building; and

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WHEREAS, She served as secretary and treasurer for her
family business, Prince Castles/Cock Robin Companies from 1972
to 1985 and then at the Naperville Creamery Co. from 1985 to
2000; she volunteered at Edward Hospital as a member of the
Institutional Review Board; she was a member of the Fire and
Police Board of Commissioners for 8 years; and

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WHEREAS, She received many awards, including the Gael Swing

1 Award of Meritorious Service from North Central College for her
2 involvement as a trustee for 28 years, the Heritage Society
3 Hall of Honor, the Naperville chapter of the A.A.U.W. "Woman of
4 the Year", the DuPage County YWCA Outstanding Woman of the
5 Year, and the Jaycees and the Chamber of Commerce Lifetime
6 Achievement Awards; she joined the Rotary Club of Naperville in
7 1985 and was elected the first female president and Rotarian of
8 the Year; she also served as grand marshal of the Labor Day
9 Parade and was selected to be included in the Marquis Who's Who
10 of American Women; and

11 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter
12 and Grace; her brother, James Fredenhagen; her sister, Jeanne
13 Fredenhagen Moen; and her step-son, Kent Harvard; and

14 WHEREAS, She is survived by her husband, John; her
15 children, Susan (Keith) Kroskoz, Jodie (Dave) Anderson, and Tom
16 (Laura) Castagnoli; her step-daughters, Kelly (Dean) Pelland
17 and Kerry (Preston) Irwin; her brother, Ted Fredenhagen; her
18 eight grandchildren; her great-grandson; her six
19 step-grandchildren; and her three step-great-granddaughters;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Rita G. Harvard, and we extend our sincere condolences to her

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
5 sympathy.