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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Ethel Gay Viau, who passed away on
4 September 18, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Ethel Viau was born on November 19, 1937 in
6 Escanaba, Michigan; and

7 WHEREAS, Ethel Viau earned her Bachelor of Science from
8 Northern Michigan University in 1978; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduation, Ethel Viau lived in Alexandria,
10 Louisiana and began working as an art educator and a rape
11 crisis center coordinator; in 1985, she moved to Waukegan and
12 began working as a social worker for Catholic Charities and the
13 Department of Children and Family Services; throughout her
14 career, she made it her goal to provide children with the best
15 living situation possible through her work and volunteer
16 efforts; and

17 WHEREAS, Ethel Viau enjoyed music and learned to play piano
18 at a very young age; she also enjoyed fishing, camping, and
19 walking nature trails; and

20 WHEREAS, Ethel Viau was preceded in death by her parents,

1 Steven Grenfell and Ila Ehrenberg (Grenfell); her brother,
2 Harry Schmidt; and her grandchild, Karl Norberg, Jr.; and

3 WHEREAS, Ethel Viau is survived by her children, Deborah
4 (David) Dayton, Steven (Vicki) Viau, Nancy (Karl) Norberg,
5 Donald (Jean) Viau, and Robert (Catherine) Viau; her 10
6 grandchildren; her 8 great-grandchildren, and her precious
7 cat, Milo; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
10 family and friends, mourn the passing of Ethel Gay Viau; and be
11 it further

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