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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Gail Lofgren of Berwyn; and

4 WHEREAS, Gail Lofgren attended LaVergne and Morton East  
5 High School, Morton College, and Rosary College; and

6 WHEREAS, Gail Lofgren's first library position was at age  
7 16 as a page at the old 34th Street branch of the Berwyn Public  
8 Library; she worked in the Learning Resources Center at Morton  
9 College for approximately 9 years and then returned to the  
10 Berwyn Public Library as their reference librarian; in 1993,  
11 she was promoted to the Berwyn's Library's 6th Director,  
12 retiring in 2001; and

13 WHEREAS, Gail Lofgren was always someone who was interested  
14 in preserving the history of Berwyn, and in October of 1997,  
15 she joined the Berwyn Historical Society as a new board member;  
16 a year later she became the Society's secretary and then, a  
17 year after that, the treasurer; she remained on the board until  
18 approximately 2011; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to volunteering with the Berwyn  
20 Historical Society, Gail Lofgren also gave her time to Meals on  
21 Wheels, Outreach at Pavilion and Altenheim Nursing Homes, the

1 Berwyn Lions Club, the Berwyn Women's Club, the All Berwyn  
2 Committee, the Pershing Parent Teachers Association, and  
3 served as a council member at Concordia Lutheran Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Gail Lofgren was an avid reader, particularly  
5 enjoying mysteries, biographies, and historical fiction; she  
6 also enjoyed fishing, antiquing, and traveling to Nauvoo;  
7 Hannibal, Missouri; and with her family to their summer cottage  
8 in Minocqua, Wisconsin; and

9 WHEREAS, Gail Lofgren, and her husband of over 40 years,  
10 Tom, had one daughter, Sarah; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Gail Lofgren, and extend our sincere condolences to her family,  
14 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Gail Lofgren as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.