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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 Lou Burgess (nee Cooper) of Batavia, formerly of Geneva, who passed away on February 2, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lou Burgess was born on September 24, 1919 in Aurora; she married Frank Kendall Burgess in 1942 and they were married for 63 years until his death in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lou Burgess attended West Aurora High School; in 1941, she received her degree from Northwestern University, where she was a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lou Burgess was the owner of Robin's Bookshop, a delightful shop she had visited since her childhood and dreamt to own, known for its extensive assortment of books, especially children's and rare books, for 15 years; during that time, she served as President of the Third Street Merchants Association; she also served as a 6th and 7th grade teacher in Aurora public schools; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lou Burgess was a community volunteer, serving on the local school board, the hospital Women's Board, and other organizations; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mary Lou Burgess was a long-time member of the
2 First Congregational Church of Geneva United Church of Christ,
3 where she looked forward to attending Sunday services and the
4 wonderful musical programs; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Lou Burgess is survived by her children,
6 Nancy Burgess True (John), Peter (Nancy), Bradford (Claudia),
7 and Craig (Debra); her 10 grandchildren; and her 13
8 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

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

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Mary Lou Burgess as an expression of
15 our sympathy.