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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 Lillian Marshall Burris of Milford, Delaware, who passed away on April 8, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Lillian Burris was born in 1919 in Lewes, Delaware to Joseph L. and Sue Watts Marshall; and

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WHEREAS, Lillian Burris graduated from Lewes High School in 1937 and the University of Delaware in 1941; she subsequently taught at Caesar Rodney School for one year until the outbreak of World War II, when she married John E. "Jack" Burris; after the war, the couple settled in Milford, Delaware; and

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WHEREAS, Lillian Burris was a stay at home mother who dedicated herself to raising her 4 children and participating in numerous community activities; she served on the Delmarva Boy Scouts Advisory Board and the Girl Scouts Advisory Boards and was a member of the Parent-Teachers Association; she served as Chairperson of the Delaware Federation of Women's Clubs Field Service project and as Education Chairperson for the Milford New Century Club, where she administered the Club's Hirsch Fund for disadvantaged people for 20 years; she was a member of the Board of Kent-Sussex County's Mancus Foundation for Handicapped Persons and a charter member of the Milford

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1 Housing Corporation; she was a Trustee of Wesley College and a
2 member of the University of Delaware Alumni Board; she was a
3 member of the Milford Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and a Booth
4 Chairperson with her husband, where her family and employees of
5 Burris Foods cooked chicken barbecue dinners at the annual
6 Milford Hospital Fair for over 30 years; she was also a trustee
7 of the Children's Beach House Board for 50 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Lillian Burris and her husband were chosen as
9 "Citizen of the Year" twice by the Milford Chamber of Commerce
10 and received the United Way's Alexis de Tocqueville Society
11 Award; she received the distinguished honor of Delaware's
12 Mother of the Year in 1992 and the "Outstanding Alumnae of the
13 Year" award from the University of Delaware in 1997; and

14 WHEREAS, Lillian Burris was an active member of Avenue
15 United Methodist Church in Milford, Delaware for many years;
16 she taught Sunday school for 18 years and served as a member of
17 the Administrative Board, President of the United Methodist
18 Women's Society, Parsonage Committee Co-Chair, and Council of
19 Ministries Counselor with Youth Fellowship; she was also active
20 in the United Methodist Women's Circle; and

21 WHEREAS, Lillian Burris enjoyed sandbars on Lewes Beach in
22 the summer, football games at the University of Delaware in the
23 fall, the extremely cold and windy days of winter in Delaware,

1 cooking, and spending time with her family and friends; and

2 WHEREAS, Lillian Burris was preceded in death by her
3 parents; her husband, John E. "Jack" Burris; her son, Robert D.
4 Burris; and her sister, Sue Preston Dean; and

5 WHEREAS, Lillian Burris is survived by her daughter, Lilla
6 (Bob) Hoopman; a daughter-in-law, Susan Burris; sons, John
7 (Cathy) Burris and Howard (Debbie) Burris; a brother, T.
8 Rowland (Marian) Marshall; a sister, Mother Virginia Marshall;
9 15 grandchildren, including Sarah Burris Lauzen, who is married
10 to United States Marine Corps Captain Theodore Lauzen, who is
11 the son of retired Illinois State Senator Chris Lauzen; 30
12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
16 family and friends, mourn the passing of Lillian Marshall
17 Burris; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Lillian Burris as an expression of
20 our sympathy.