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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to celebrate and honor the life of Eleanor "Eli" Johnson Grafton of Moline, who passed away on May 9, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Eleanor Johnson Grafton was born on December 23, 1925 in Moscow, Iowa; her parents were Leonard and Elsie Morgan Lange; she married Gordon Johnson on June 9, 1946; he preceded her in death on December 17, 1982; she then married Jim Grafton in January of 1985; he preceded her in death on April 20, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Eleanor Johnson Grafton graduated from Moline High School and attended Augustana College in Rock Island; and

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WHEREAS, Eleanor Johnson Grafton was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Moline and King's Daughters Carolyn Getz Circle; she was also a member of the Moline Library Board for 20 years and served as the board's president; and

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WHEREAS, Eleanor Johnson Grafton was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband; her second husband; 2 sisters; and Esther and Harold Olson, Hilda Olson, Michael Harper Manis, Josh Grafton, and Alex Hallene; and

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1           WHEREAS, Eleanor Johnson Grafton is survived by a son,  
2 Gordon Johnson; 3 daughters, Laurie Johnson Manis, Kathryn  
3 (Steve Kuemmerle) Johnson, and Betsey (Rick Sherman) Johnson; 6  
4 grandchildren, Charles (Melissa) Manis, Geoffrey (Jennifer)  
5 Manis, Pamela Kuemmerle, Harris Kuemmerle, William Sherman,  
6 and Eliza Sherman; a great-grandchild, Harper Michael Manis; 5  
7 stepchildren, Jim (Mary) Grafton, Suzi Apple, Mindy (Steve)  
8 Kruse, Molly Grafton, and Al Hallene; 6 step-grandchildren,  
9 Abby and Ben Grafton, Ashley and Aubrie Apple, and Bryan and  
10 Jimmy Hallene; and her special caregivers, including Heather  
11 Andrew and Becky Burwell; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we celebrate and honor  
14 the life of Eleanor "Eli" Johnson Grafton and mourn her  
15 passing; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Eleanor Johnson Grafton as an  
18 expression of our sympathy.