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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 Carole A. Michels of rural Elburn, who passed away on August 16, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Carole Michels was born on June 29, 1941 in Aurora to Roy and Gertrude (nee Kroeger) Brown; she attended Oak Park Elementary School and East Aurora Junior High School, and graduated from East Aurora High School in 1959 in its first graduating class; she married Jim Michels on December 1, 1962 at St. Therese of Jesus Catholic Church in Aurora; and

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WHEREAS, Carole Michels began her career as a secretary with IBM in Aurora; she and her husband then spent time in Oklahoma and Minnesota before returning to Illinois and settling in their home in Blackberry Township in 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Carole Michels concentrated on raising her children and looking after her family before resuming her secretarial career in 1974 when she joined the newly formed consulting engineering firm, Engineering Enterprises in Elburn; she became active in the Elburn Business Council, and in 1982, she became a realtor with Leuer Realty where she was a "top producer" for most of her 30 year career; she was a member and President of the Greater Aurora Association of Realtors and

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1 a member of the Fox Valley Board of Realtors; she held several  
2 leadership positions with both boards; she was also a charter  
3 member of the Kane County Tourism Association and a member of  
4 the Kaneland Foundation and the Waubensee Community College  
5 Foundation; she was a precinct committee person for Blackberry  
6 Township, Kane County for many years; she was one of the 7  
7 founders of Kaneland Community Bank, now American Bank and  
8 Trust in Elburn; she was also the Corporate Secretary Emeritus  
9 of Engineering Enterprises, Incorporated in Sugar Grove; and

10 WHEREAS, Carole Michels was active in St. Gall Catholic  
11 Church in Elburn where she was an Eucharistic Minister; she  
12 enjoyed life, especially entertaining family and friends by  
13 cooking and baking; she also enjoyed traveling with her family  
14 and friends, and vacationing at Powers Lake, Wisconsin; and

15 WHEREAS, Carole Michels was preceded in death by her  
16 parents; grandsons, Geno and Ryan Migliorini; her mother and  
17 father-in-law, Marie and Ben Michels; her brothers-in-law,  
18 Bob, Art, and Bern Michels and Jim McCue Sr.; and 5 nieces and  
19 nephews; and

20 WHEREAS, Carole Michels is survived by her husband, Jim;  
21 sons, Sean (Valerie) Michels and Todd (Jacqui) Michels;  
22 daughter, Denise (Brian) Migliorini; sisters, Jean (Don)  
23 White, Joan McCue, and Judy (Jim) Kreitz; grandchildren, Abby,

1 Nick, Maddy, and Sophie Michels, Greycn, Alexa, and Samantha  
2 Michels, and Gina and Nico Migliorini; sisters-in-law, Pat,  
3 Lil, and Lois Michels and Anna Marie Avram; her brother-in-law,  
4 Nello Avram; and 44 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Carole A. Michels, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Carole Michels as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.