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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Margie Jo  
4 Harmon of Herrin, who passed away on April 20, 2016; and

5           WHEREAS, Margie Harmon was born in Greenville, Texas to  
6 Robert Horace and Nina Jo (Turner) Moore on April 10, 1926; she  
7 graduated from Central High School in Muskogee, Oklahoma in  
8 1943 and enrolled at Oklahoma State University; she married  
9 Bill Harmon in a civil ceremony in Perry, Oklahoma on June 16,  
10 1949, and again at St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Stillwater,  
11 Oklahoma on August 13, 1949; and

12           WHEREAS, Margie Harmon and her family moved to Herrin in  
13 August of 1968; she landed her first teaching job at Lincoln  
14 School in Herrin; she taught third grade in Herrin schools for  
15 29 years; she was instrumental in the establishment of an  
16 accelerated reader program in Herrin elementary schools; she  
17 continued to work with the reading program after retiring from  
18 teaching in 1998; she received an outstanding service award  
19 from the Illinois Educational Association for her work with the  
20 Herrin IEA affiliate and for serving on the teacher union's  
21 board of directors; and

22           WHEREAS, Margie Harmon was elected to the Herrin Community

1 Unit 4 School Board in 1989 for the first of three terms; she  
2 was an advocate for teacher's rights and needs and for fairness  
3 for all sides in contract negotiations; and

4 WHEREAS, Margie Harmon and her husband were the owners of a  
5 successful flower and gift shop and garden center business,  
6 Nancy's Flowers and Gifts (now Les Marie Florist) for 15 years;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Margie Harmon was an avid reader and a member of  
9 The Page Turners club; she was a charter member of the Friends  
10 of Herrin City Library, serving on the group's board of  
11 directors; and

12 WHEREAS, Margie Harmon was the Chairperson of the Our Lady  
13 of Mount Carmel's Sister Parish Project in Mulajje, Uganda,  
14 raising more than \$112,500 to provide lunch at school for  
15 approximately 450 children each day; and

16 WHEREAS, Margie Harmon is survived by her husband, Bill;  
17 her children, Catherine Louise Fleck, Ruth Ellen Harmon,  
18 Margaret Ann (Dr. James) Petersen, Melinda Gail (Bill Cronin)  
19 Harmon, Mary Elizabeth Lockhart, and Matthew Preston Harmon;  
20 her grandchildren, Simon (Sharon) Stotler, Emily (Dave  
21 Cipriani) Fleck, Isabelle Petersen, Anna Lockhart, Joseph  
22 Petersen, August Petersen, and William Kellogg; and her

1 great-grandsons, Marcus and Jacob Stotler, and Julian  
2 Cipriani; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 mourn the passing of Margie Jo Harmon, and extend our sincere  
6 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
7 her; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Margie Harmon as an expression of  
10 our deepest sympathy.