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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 Josephine Lucas of Marengo, who passed away on December 20, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Josephine Lucas was born in Chicago on September 20, 1929 to John and Rose Chidichimo; she married Donald Lucas in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania on July 17, 1970; she was married previously to Donald Jay Wilson; and

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WHEREAS, Josephine Lucas held a Master of Social Work from the University of Illinois and worked until her retirement from Illinois Elementary School District 59 in Elk Grove Village as a school social worker and a department administrator; she began her career shortly after finishing high school, working as an activities director at Jane Addams' Hull House in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Josephine Lucas sung in several operas; she was an avid musician and enjoyed singing and playing the piano and string bass; during the 1960s, she was a member of a strolling combo, "The Honeycombs", and was a past member of the Chicago Federation of Musicians; years later, she toured Europe several times with a choir from District 59; she also loved animals and belonged to a number of animal welfare organizations and

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1 wildlife preservation foundations; and

2 WHEREAS, Since moving to Marengo in 1996, Josephine Lucas
3 was an active member of the Marengo Woman's Club, the Ladies'
4 Home Circle, the McHenry County Retired Teachers Association,
5 the Florence Nursing Home Auxiliary, and the Marengo Lioness
6 Club; she volunteered at the McHenry County Historical Society
7 and served on the board of directors of the Woodstock Mozart
8 Festival; and

9 WHEREAS, Josephine Lucas was preceded in death by her
10 parents, and by her husband, Donald; and

11 WHEREAS, Josephine Lucas is survived by her daughter, Tracy
12 Doyle; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Josephine Lucas, and extend our sincere condolences to her
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
17 further

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