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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 Elaine June Dahl of Crystal Lake, who passed away on February 23, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Elaine Dahl was born in Chicago; her parents were Elmer and Bernice (nee Raycroft) Dahl; and

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WHEREAS, In 1929, Elaine Dahl and her family moved to Crystal Lake, where she attended public schools from third grade through high school and graduated as valedictorian in 1939; after earning her diploma from the Sherman Hospital School of Nursing in 1943, she took the Illinois State Exam to become a Registered Nurse; she subsequently enlisted in the United States Army and served as a nurse in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, After her discharge, Elaine Dahl worked as a private duty nurse, often caring for polio patients; she later pursued an interest in physical therapy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and earned her certificate and passed the National and Illinois Exams to become a Registered Physical Therapist; and

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WHEREAS, In 1969, Elaine Dahl graduated from Northern

1 Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring
2 in Physical Therapy; while at Northern Illinois University, she
3 worked in the Physical Therapy Department; in 1975, she moved
4 to Oregon to work as a physical therapist at Salem Memorial
5 Hospital, where she worked until the age of 72; after 30 years
6 of living in the Pacific Northwest, she returned to Crystal
7 Lake to be with her family; and

8 WHEREAS, Elaine Dahl enjoyed nature, spending much of her
9 younger days camping, canoeing, hiking, and describing the
10 history of every rock formation along the way; she also enjoyed
11 traveling the world, where she collected various treasures; as
12 a member of the Aurora Colony Handspinners Guild, she would
13 often demonstrate the craft of spinning in many places,
14 including the Oregon State Fair and the McHenry County
15 Historical Society; and

16 WHEREAS, Elaine Dahl was preceded in death by a brother,
17 Jack Dahl; and

18 WHEREAS, Elaine Dahl is survived by a sister-in-law,
19 Marilyn Dahl; 4 nephews, Scot (Virginia) Dahl, Jay (Peggy)
20 Dahl, Jim (Marty) Dahl, and Wayne (Michelle) Dahl; and 13
21 grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, and
22 great-grandnephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
3 family and friends, mourn the passing of Elaine June Dahl; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Elaine Dahl as an expression of our
7 sympathy.