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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 Lorene Agnes Sabonjian, who passed away on May 24, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Lorene Sabonjian was born in Higbee, Missouri on December 11, 1916 to James Robert and Mandana Terrill; she graduated from Huntsville High School in 1935 and, after passing the Missouri Teaching exams, taught students in a nearby rural school for several months; and

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WHEREAS, Lorene Sabonjian moved to Kansas City in the fall of 1935 and married in 1936; when that marriage did not work out, she joined the United States Navy; she attended Boot Camp at Hunter College in New York state; from there she went to Milledgeville, Georgia and then on to her first post in Crane, Indiana; she held the position of bookkeeper in the base's supply office; her next and last duty station was at Naval Station Great Lakes, where she worked in the Separation and Terminal Leave Center; she attained the rank of ACSK while working to discharge the WAVES and sailors at Great Lakes; and

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WHEREAS, Lorene Sabonjian married Robert V. Sabonjian on June 7, 1947; they opened Dutch Mill Cleaners in 1948; in 1957, her husband ran for Mayor of Waukegan and she spent 24 years as

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1 Waukegan's First Lady; and

2 WHEREAS, Lorene Sabonjian was a member of the First
3 Christian Church in Waukegan, where she served as an Elder and
4 Church Treasurer; she also served as the regional President of
5 The Church Women United; and

6 WHEREAS, Lorene Sabonjian and her husband traveled
7 extensively to places such as Hawaii, England, Monaco, The
8 Canary Islands, Australia, Israel, Greece, and Egypt; she kept
9 active by playing bridge, bowling, traveling to visit
10 relatives, and walking everyday with her new best friend, her
11 Bichon Frise named Beau; and

12 WHEREAS, Lorene Sabonjian was preceded in death by her
13 husband, Robert; her daughter, Dana Jo; her brothers, John and
14 Irving; and her sisters, Violet, Victory, and Lillian; and

15 WHEREAS, Lorene Sabonjian is survived by her son, Robert
16 Glenn (Jo An); her grandson, Adam Wesley (Lynn) Domerchie and
17 their sons, Jayson and Ryan; she is also survived by numerous
18 nieces and nephews spread throughout the world; therefore, be
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20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Lorene Agnes Sabonjian, and extend our sincere condolences to
2 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Lorene Sabonjian as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.