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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 Clara Kathryn Otto of Danvers, who passed away on July 29, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Clara Otto was born on August 6, 1924 in rural Danvers; her parents were Robert Quillian "Quilly" and Mamie Coiner Altare Bostic; she married Loren Otto on October 12, 1944 at the Carlock Mennonite Church parsonage; and

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WHEREAS, Clara Otto was a 1942 graduate of Danvers High School; she began working at State Farm in the life department on December 7, 1942; she was later employed as a defense worker at Eureka Williams; after marrying, she joined her husband in Alexandria, Louisiana, where she passed the federal civil service exam and became a switchboard operator on the military base where he was a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps and taught engineering and gunnery; after the war, she farmed with her husband in Lexington and then in Danvers, where they lived on a centennial farm; in 1962, she began working at Country Companies Insurance, where she retired after over 17 years of service in May of 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Clara Otto was very active in the Danvers-Carlock community; she was a long-time member of the Carlock Mennonite

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1 Church, the Dry Grove Home Extension, the Danvers PTA, and the
2 Danvers Alumni Association; she and her husband were active in
3 the Bloomington Elks Lodge for many years; an accomplished
4 bowler, she enjoyed being in various local leagues and was a
5 member of the Country Companies' team that won a national
6 bowling championship in the 1969 National Industrial
7 Recreation Association tournament at Crawfordsville, Indiana;
8 she was also passionate about the game of golf and was a former
9 member of the El Paso Golf Club at Kappa; and

10 WHEREAS, Following her retirement, Clara Otto and several
11 of her friends formed a group known as The Bag Ladies who
12 played weekly at Hazy Hills Golf Course and other area golfing
13 venues; her enthusiasm for sports included any athletic
14 activity in which her grandchildren were involved as well as
15 being an avid fan of both NASCAR and the New York Yankees; she
16 believed there was nothing more important than spending time
17 with her family and friends; she also enjoyed traveling and
18 spending time in her tree and flower-filled yard; and

19 WHEREAS, Clara Otto was preceded in death by her husband,
20 Loren; her parents; her sister, Gladys Troxel; and her brother,
21 Jim Bostic; and

22 WHEREAS, Clara Otto is survived by her sons, Gregory Loren
23 (Karen) Otto and Stanley Alan Otto; 2 grandchildren, Ryan Loren

1 (Laura) Otto and Blake (Danielle) Otto; her
2 great-grandchildren, Nathanael, Natalie, Ava, Luke, Emmerson,
3 and Ethan Otto; her sister, Opal Stahly; and her many nieces
4 and nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
7 family and friends, mourn the passing of Clara Kathryn Otto;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Clara Otto as an expression of our
11 sympathy.