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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 Bertha Irene "Birdie" Byron of Wood River, who passed away on October 5, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Birdie Byron was born in Alton on August 31, 1914 to August Peter and Emma Theresa (nee Nolan) Eckhard; she married Ralph Christoe Byron in Collinsville on October 16, 1936; and

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WHEREAS, Birdie Byron had been employed as an admitting clerk at Wood River Township Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, Birdie Byron served as a volunteer for Wood River Hospital, St. Anthony Hospital for over 40 years, and Ursuline Convent auxiliaries; she was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, the Wood River Heritage Council, and the Wood River Women's Club; she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, singing, and dancing; and

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WHEREAS, Birdie Byron was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; her parents; her 3 brothers, Nolan, August, and Michael Eckhard; her 5 sisters, Agnes Calvin, Florence Hartman, Augusta Miller, Virginia Tonsor, and Josephine Eckhard; her son-in-law, Charles Yarnell; and her grandson, Brock Yarnell;

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2 WHEREAS, Birdie Byron is survived by her son, John
3 (Sherrie) Byron; her daughters, Marsha Yarnell, Jean (Ralph)
4 Bruce, and Mary Jo (Ron) Schmidt; her 14 grandchildren; her 22
5 great-grandchildren; and her 6 great-great-grandchildren;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Bertha Irene "Birdie" Byron, and extend our sincere condolences
10 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Birdie Byron as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.