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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 Bette Jean Harris of Alton, who passed away on January 22, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Harris was born in Judsonia, Arkansas to Thomas G., Sr. and Lena (nee Jackson) Bailey on January 16, 1933; she married Wiley L. Harris, Jr. in Alton on October 10, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Harris worked for the Tri County Beauty Academy in Litchfield with her mother; she later worked as a cosmetology instructor for the J.B. Johnson Vocational School in Alton; she went back to school and completed her bachelor's degree in 1984 and became an English teacher at West Middle School, where she taught for 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Harris was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Illinois Hairdresser Association, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, the Alton Community Service League, and P.E.O. Chapter JZ; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Harris was preceded in death by her husband, Wiley; her parents; and her brother, Thomas Bailey, Jr.; and

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1           WHEREAS, Bette Harris is survived by her daughter, Barbara  
2 Ann Bowen (Andy); her son, Thomas Wiley Harris (Judy Jones);  
3 her brother-in-law, Joseph Eugene Harris; her loving care  
4 giver, Viola Link, along with Tonya and Candace; therefore, be  
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6           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Bette Jean Harris, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Bette Harris as an expression of our  
13 deepest sympathy.