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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 Bernice T. Midden of Springfield, who passed away on April 22, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Bernice Midden was born on June 22, 1925 in Springfield; her parents were Peter Laksus and Theresa Shandor Laksus Hryhorysak; she married Charles Henry Midden on January 28, 1954 in Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Bernice Midden served as a legislative assistant in the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate for 26 years; she is fondly remembered as a spirited mentor and as a "businesswoman" before being a businesswoman was commonplace; and

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WHEREAS, After retiring, Bernice Midden moved to the Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, where she opened her home to family and friends for cherished summer vacations; she relocated to Springfield in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Bernice Midden was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Charles; and her siblings, Joe Hryhorysak, Bernie Hryhorysak, Anna Mae Miner, and Kathryn Reese; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bernice Midden is survived by her daughters,
2 Terese (Lonnie) Lucas and Marcia Simmons; her grandchildren,
3 Brent Lucas, Emily (Dustin) Ozier, Adam Lucas, and Elyse
4 (Jared) Matulevich; her great-grandchildren, Kennedy Ozier,
5 Alisynn Ozier, Josie Lucas, and Elle Matulevich; her siblings,
6 Jeanette Miner, Terri Petrie, Bill Locksus, and Sam Hryhorysak;
7 and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
10 family and friends, mourn the passing of Bernice T. Midden; and
11 be it further

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