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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 Rachel E. Shepherdson of Peoria, who passed away on January 25, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Rachel Shepherdson was born in Augusta to Ernest Paul and Maza Marie (Dennis) West on January 20, 1925; she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Illinois State University; she married C. Edwin Shepherdson in Normal on August 24, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Rachel Shepherdson started her teaching career in 1946 at Lanark High School; she was a teacher at Dunlap High School from 1947 to 1957; in 1958, she joined the first staff of the new Richwoods Community High School and held business education, counseling, and administrative posts until 1969; from 1969 until her retirement in 1986, she was the Assistant Principal; following her retirement, she taught computer education at ICC and at SeniorNet; she was also a freelance editor for the Peoria Journal Star; and

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WHEREAS, Rachel Shepherdson was an active member of her church; she created computer-generated greeting cards with original poetry and enjoyed playing bridge; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rachel Shepherdson was preceded in death by her
2 husband, Edwin; her parents; and her sisters, Lois Silzer, and
3 Carol Blake; and

4 WHEREAS, Rachel Shepherdson is survived by her daughter,
5 Nancy Shepherdson (Larry Garascia); seven nieces and nephews;
6 and several grandnieces and nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Rachel E. Shepherdson, and extend our sincere condolences to
10 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
11 further

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