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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 Lois M. Le Menager of Lake Forest, who passed away on December 28, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Lois Le Menager was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Lawrence and Lillian Stanek on April 25, 1934; and

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WHEREAS, In 1978, Lois Le Menager founded Marketing Innovators International, Inc. in Rosemont, which remains one of the largest woman-owned businesses in the country and one of Chicago's largest private firms; and

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WHEREAS, Lois Le Menager received numerous awards from organizations such as the Entrepreneur of the Year Institute, the Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame, and the American Institute of Entrepreneurs; other recognitions include Crain's Chicago Business - Chicago's Top Women-Owned Firms, Who's Who in Chicago Business, America's Top 500 Women-Owned Businesses, and Working Woman Magazine; and

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WHEREAS, Lois Le Menager served on the Board of Junior Achievement; she donated land to the Boys and Girls Club of America and was an early member of the Women Business Development Center and the Chicago Network; she participated in

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1 many travel and incentive industry associations; she served as
2 a director for Northwest Commerce and First Colonial Banks for
3 10 years, and is a past director of the Chicagoland Chamber of
4 Commerce; and

5 WHEREAS, Lois Le Menager was an outstanding cook, a
6 painter, a writer of poems, a gifted counselor to kids, and a
7 mentor to young business people; she had a passion for the
8 military, devoting her time and resources to those who have
9 served and continue to serve; she actively supported the
10 Wounded Warrior Project and helped with donations to build The
11 National World War II Museum in New Orleans; and

12 WHEREAS, Lois Le Menager was enormously proud of her
13 Czechoslovakian heritage; her hobbies included being a
14 "professional shopper" and beating the odds at the slot
15 machines; and

16 WHEREAS, Lois Le Menager was the devoted wife of Spencer H.
17 Le Menager; the loving mother of Richard (Jill) Blabolil, and
18 Sherry Blabolil-Das; the caring grandmother of Meghan (Ben)
19 Jarvis, Sumeer Das, Molly Blabolil, Courtney Das, Emily
20 Blabolil, and Abby Blabolil; and the delighted
21 great-grandmother of Charlie Jack Jarvis; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Lois M. Le Menager, and extend our sincere condolences to her
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Lois Le Menager as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.