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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 Karen E. Backes of Marengo, who passed away on August 6, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Backes was born in Belvidere to Clinton and Ethel (Ham) McKee on November 23, 1947; she graduated from Marengo Community High School in 1965 and received her associate degree from McHenry County College; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Backes worked at Arnold Engineering for over 40 years in various departments; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Backes was a member of International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local Lodge 1832, where she served as secretary and treasurer for many years; she was an active member of the Marengo United Methodist Church, where she took part in Bible study and was a volunteer for the Senior Care Network; she was also a member of the TOPS Club, Inc. in Marengo; she enjoyed sewing, quilting, and going to movies and dinner with friends; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Backes was preceded in death by her husband, James Backes, and her brother, James McKee; and

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1 WHEREAS, Karen Backes is survived by her sons, Grant and
2 Wade Boxleitner; her granddaughter, Denver Boxleitner; her
3 brother, Kenneth (Helena) McKee; her sister-in-law, Sandra
4 McKee; her nephew, Patrick McKee; and her niece, Jill McKee;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Karen E. Backes, 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 Karen Backes as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.