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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 Althea M. Walkington of Ringwood, who passed away on August 14, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Althea Walkington was born in Avoca, Wisconsin to Edwin and Ida Benoy on July 28, 1920; after her mother's death, her father moved his family from Wisconsin to a dairy farm on Howe Road in Greenwood Township, McHenry County; she received her elementary education in the one-room Howe School and then graduated from Woodstock High School in 1938; she married Paul Walkington in 1939; and

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WHEREAS, Althea Walkington was known by many from her years of selling Dutch Maid clothing at home parties; she then worked as a clerk in the Ringwood Post Office; she was one of the original members of The Citizens for Ringwood Organization, which successfully petitioned the state legislature to create legislation that would allow small communities of under 500 citizens to become incorporated; she worked tirelessly by knocking on doors and obtaining signatures on petitions that promoted the referendum for incorporation; and

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WHEREAS, Althea Walkington was an active member of the Ringwood United Methodist Church, which was the center of the

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1 spiritual, social, and community service that encompassed her
2 life; she was the leader of The Ringwood Sunshine Girls 4H
3 Club, where she taught generations of young women how to sew
4 and do needle work; and

5 WHEREAS, Althea Walkington and her husband followed their
6 dream and built a cabin on Legend Lake near Shawano, Wisconsin;
7 the cabin quickly became the gathering spot for family and
8 church functions and for friends who were invited to spend a
9 weekend at the lake; and

10 WHEREAS, Althea Walkington was preceded in death by her
11 parents; her husband; her brothers, Darrel, Harry, Glen,
12 Wilbur, Raymond, and Alvin; her sisters, Alice (Vincent) Moan
13 and Arlene (Ray) Wilcox; and

14 WHEREAS, Althea Walkington is survived by her children, Jay
15 (Jan) Walkington, Ida Mae (Clarence) Adams, Tom (Maya)
16 Walkington, and Lee Walkington; her grandchildren, Doug (Kim),
17 Chad, Tanya, and Lincoln (Courtney) Adams, Jolie (Steve)
18 Galovich, and Karen (Gary) McDowell; and her eleven
19 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Althea M. Walkington, and extend our sincere condolences to her

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Althea Walkington as an expression
5 of our deepest sympathy.