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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 Ida Mary Warner of Oak Park, who passed away on August 2, 2017, at the age of 80; and

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WHEREAS, Ida Warner was born in Evansville, Indiana to Melvin and Ida (Hoffman) McCutchan on January 6, 1937 and grew up in McCutchanville, an adjacent farming community named for her ancestor, Samuel McCutchan; and

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WHEREAS, Ida Warner showed promise as a pianist from an early age, demonstrating her music skills throughout her childhood and graduating to the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, where she made her solo debut in 1953 performing Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto in G minor; she attended the University of Evansville, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance and subsequently earned a Master of Arts in Education from Western Michigan University, distinguishing both of her passions for music and education; and

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WHEREAS, Ida Warner began teaching music classes in the public schools of Wayland, Michigan, where she met the love of her life and future husband, Robert Jack Warner, a fellow teacher and athletic coach; they married at the Wayland Methodist Church on June 9, 1959 and moved to Otsego, Michigan

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1 to continue their careers in education and raise their two
2 daughters; they both became actively involved in the Otsego
3 Methodist Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Ida Warner continued her lifelong commitment to
5 the advancement of young people by teaching kindergarten,
6 first, and second grade in the nearby public schools of
7 Allegan, Michigan; she continued her love of teaching piano,
8 and her kind, gentle demeanor was appreciated by all who knew
9 her and made her a beloved fixture in the community; and

10 WHEREAS, Ida Warner was a family woman whose supportive
11 nature fueled her nurturing of her children and grandchildren,
12 upon whom she doted endlessly, attending concerts, plays, and
13 any family event imaginable; and

14 WHEREAS, After the death of her husband, Ida Warner moved
15 to Oak Park in order to live closer to her family; and

16 WHEREAS, Ida Warner was preceded in death by her husband,
17 Robert, and her parents; and

18 WHEREAS, Ida Warner is survived by her siblings, Robert
19 (Jeannie) McCutchan, Richard McCutchan (Natalie Jung), and
20 Phyllis (Norman) Hill; her daughters, Lisa (Gary) Falkenberg
21 and Susan Warner (David Griffin); her grandchildren, Kate

1 Falkenberg, Henry Griffin, and Pearl Griffin; and the countless
2 students who owe a portion of their success to her tireless
3 dedication to the education of young minds; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Ida Mary Warner, and extend our sincere condolences to her
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Ida Warner as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.