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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 Bonnie Ruth Gudat of Chillicothe, who passed away on March 24, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bonnie Gudat was born to Milton and Ellen Homes Eastman on July 24, 1944; a lifelong reader and lover of learning, she studied many topics, including marine biology, teaching, cytology, and occupational therapy, all capped by a Master's Degree in Liberal Studies from Bradley University; she met Adam Gudat at the University of Illinois, and they married in Western Springs, Illinois in 1966; after their wedding, they moved west and settled in Los Angeles; and

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WHEREAS, During her working years in Los Angeles, Bonnie Gudat first taught junior high science in the Watts area; she then shifted to a cytology lab, where she studied microscopic cancer cells; she later found a calling caring for babies with medical needs and teaching a creative cooking class; in 1978, she and her husband moved back to Illinois and adopted three children; her work life then included transporting children with medical needs to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, serving at a special needs school in Peoria, working in occupational therapy, painting elaborate designs on pumpkins at Tanner's Orchard, and overseeing the greenhouses and

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1 plantings at Luthy Botanical Garden; and

2 WHEREAS, Bonnie Gudat was a member of the Universalist
3 Unitarian Church, where she planted the garden and displayed
4 her orchids on the altar; she was involved in many
5 organizations in Peoria, including the Garden Club, the Herb
6 Guild, the Accordion Club, the OLLI Recorder Ensemble, and the
7 German-American Society; and

8 WHEREAS, Bonnie Gudat was an avid gardener, inspired cook,
9 and a music maker; she had an affinity for water and felt at
10 home swimming and snorkeling in far away oceans and seas during
11 her global travels with Adam; in recent years, she continued to
12 enjoy swimming and water exercise with her friends; and

13 WHEREAS, Bonnie Gudat was the wife of Adam, the mother of
14 Patrick, Marilyne, and Donald, the grandmother of four, the
15 step-grandmother of four, and the step-great-grandmother of
16 one; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Bonnie Ruth Gudat and extend our sincere condolences to her
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Bonnie Gudat as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.