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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 Emily "Jean" Johnson of Peoria, who passed away on April 19, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Johnson was born in Pekin to Victor Alfs and Alice (Boyer) Alfs on September 6, 1929; she was a lifelong resident of the greater Peoria area; she attended Woodruff High School, where she served as editor of the annual Talisman yearbook, and she graduated in 1948; she married Thomas L. "Tom" Johnson in April 1951, and he passed in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Johnson was a homemaker during her children's school years, and she actively promoted learning experiences for grammar school-aged children; she co-founded and was a 10-year member of the Von Steuben Grade School Mothers' Club; through this organization, she arranged and chaperoned guided tours of Glen Oak Zoo and area fire stations; she also produced fashion shows for parents and children; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Johnson became an executive secretary for the Peoria Public Schools (PPS), District #150, in 1969; she held key positions at the PPS administration building over the next 29 years; notably, she served as the executive secretary to Superintendent Harry Whitaker during the 1970s and 1980s; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jean Johnson enjoyed gardening and joined the
2 Peoria Garden Club in the 1990s; she served as secretary to the
3 High Point Neighborhood Association after she moved there with
4 her husband in 1994; and

5 WHEREAS, Jean Johnson was deeply committed to her faith;
6 she became a member of the Forrest Hill United Methodist Church
7 (FHUMC) in Peoria in the 1960s and remained an active member
8 throughout her life; and

9 WHEREAS, Jean Johnson was preceded in death by her parents;
10 her older sister, Donna (Alfs) Berte; and her husband of nearly
11 63 years, Thomas L. Johnson; and

12 WHEREAS, Jean Johnson is survived by her children, Philip
13 (Cathy) Johnson, Jual Ann "Julie" (Randy) Markillie, and
14 Jeffrey Johnson; her granddaughters, Jessica (Brady) Sammis
15 and Katrina (Nick) Craven; her grandsons, Benjamin and Bobby;
16 her four great-granddaughters; and her two nieces, Jane Waldron
17 and Janet Neale; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Emily "Jean" Johnson and extend our sincere condolences to her
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Jean Johnson as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.