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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Viola B.
4 Mattson of Antioch, who passed away on February 4, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Viola Mattson was born on November 7, 1929 in
6 Chicago; her parents were Albert and Ragnhild (nee Petersen)
7 Pedersen; she married Leonard Mattson on July 1, 1984 in
8 Antioch; and

9 WHEREAS, Viola Mattson grew up in Chicago and attended Lucy
10 Flower Girls School; as a young girl, she participated in the
11 International Order of Rainbow Girls; in 1945, she moved to
12 Antioch, where she worked at the Pedersen Danish Bakery until
13 1947; after attending Lake County Community College and earning
14 her Licensed Practical Nursing degree, she went on to work at
15 Victory Memorial Hospital for many years; she also worked as an
16 independent distributor for Xango Foods since 2004 and was a
17 Mary Kay saleswoman for 15 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Viola Mattson was a very active member of St.
19 Peter Church; she also worked as the hostess of the annual
20 Christmas in July family event and served as a Girl Scout
21 leader for many years; and

1 WHEREAS, Viola Mattson was preceded in death by her
2 parents; her first husband, James J. Walsh; her daughter, Linda
3 Gerloff; her brother, Gordon Pedersen; her brothers-in-law,
4 Irv and Frank Walsh; her son-in-law, Joe Ziemba; and her
5 daughter-in-law, Pauline O'Kern; and

6 WHEREAS, Viola Mattson is survived by her husband, Leonard;
7 her children, Daniel Walsh, Michael Walsh, Kathy (Glenn)
8 Barham, Betty (Kenneth) Dahm, Carolyn Ziemba, Linda (Jeff)
9 Hawk, and Leonard Mattson; her grandchildren, Ted (Cassie),
10 James (Sarah), Joshua (Jennifer), Brittany (Angelo), Jenny
11 (Tony), Margeau, Megan, Calla, Emily, Connor, Bobby, Caleb,
12 Casey, and Camille; her great-grandchildren, Cayla, Chris,
13 Jacquie, Alex, Amber, Mya, Lidya, and Evey; her sister-in-law,
14 Ethel Pedersen; her nephew, Donald (Joanne) Walsh; and her
15 nieces, Diane (the late Paul) Erckman and Karen (Marty) Staff;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
20 Viola B. Mattson; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Viola Mattson as an expression of
23 our sympathy.