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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 Ruth Lee Doerr of Bethalto, who passed away on February 16, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Lee Doerr was born on January 25, 1911, in Gibbson Country, Tennessee; her parents were Albert Sidney and Lula Mae (Ramsey) Hutchinson; she married William "Hoot" Doerr on July 12, 1930, in New Albany, Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Lee Doerr graduated from Vardaman High School; she subsequently began working for the Olin Corporation as a tool clerk for 35 years until her retirement in 1976; she also worked as an assistant for the Bethalto City Clerk from 1957 to 1977 with her husband; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Lee Doerr was the oldest member of the Bethalto United Methodist Church, where she has been a member since 1931; she was also a Bethalto United Methodist Church Historian, taught Sunday school for more than 40 years, sang in the choir, and was a member and teacher of the friendship class; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Lee Doerr served as a volunteer at the Bethalto Museum; she was a member of the Wood River Area Garden

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1 Club for 24 years, a charter member of the Women's Club of  
2 Bethalto, and a board member of the Bethalto Spirit; she was  
3 also a member of the community choir of Bethalto for 10 years  
4 and volunteered at the Alton Crisis Center for more than 30  
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Ruth Lee Doerr was preceded in death by her  
7 husband; her parents; her sisters, Rubye Hickman, Elizabeth  
8 Hill, Emma Cargill, and Maimie Burleson; and her brother,  
9 Eligah Hutchison; and

10 WHEREAS, Ruth Lee Doerr is survived by her son and  
11 daughter-in-law, Gary and Diane Doerr; her grandchildren,  
12 Kristine (Matt) Cleland, Victoria (Josh) Peck, Nicholas  
13 (Francesca) Doerr, and Stephen Doerr; and her  
14 great-grandchildren, Miranda, Avery, Miles, Penny, Max, Jake,  
15 and another great-grandchild on the way; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
18 her family and friends, the passing of Ruth Lee Doerr; and be  
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Ruth Lee Doerr as an expression of  
22 our sympathy.