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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 Nancy Jones of Elwood, who passed away on May 6, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Jones was born on February 28, 1936 and was raised in Joliet; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Jones graduated from St. Patrick's Grade School in Joliet with the class of 1950 and attended St. Francis Academy in Joliet; at the age of 15, she professed her vows as Sister Laretta Charles, O.P. at the Adrian Michigan Dominican Sisters Motherhouse; she also earned her A.B. in philosophy from Siena Heights College in Adrian, Michigan; and

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WHEREAS, As Sister Laretta Charles, Nancy Jones taught for 10 years in Catholic schools in California, Nevada, and Michigan; after she was released from her vows on her consent from the Holy See, she returned to Joliet to teach in the Lockport Public Schools; and

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WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Nancy Jones was the first woman elected to the Laraway Grade School Board, where she served for 2 terms; she also served as a substitute teacher for many years at Laraway, Union, and Elwood Grade Schools; and

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1 WHEREAS, Nancy Jones served as a realtor at Bell Realty of
2 Joliet for many years; and

3 WHEREAS, Nancy Jones is preceded in death by her parents,
4 Orville and Olive Olsen; her brothers, Charles and James Olsen;
5 her uncle, Roy; her aunt, Pauline Olsen; and her nephew, James
6 Olsen; and

7 WHEREAS, Nancy Jones is survived by her devoted husband of
8 48 years, Francis "Bud" Jones; her son, William (Annette)
9 Jones; her daughter, Judge Sarah Jones; her sisters-in-law,
10 Mary Virginia (Raymond) Sicinski, Kathleen Jones, and Jane
11 Olsen; her brother-in-law, Raymond (Marilyn) Jones; and her
12 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 her family and friends, the passing of Nancy Jones; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Nancy Jones as an expression of our
19 sympathy.