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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 Gertrude Louise Sward of Harvard, who passed away on August 9, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Gertrude Sward was born on July 4, 1923 in Rockford; her parents were Claude O. and Myrtle L. (nee Pihl) Pagles; she married Lawrence Henry Sward, Jr. on January 16, 1946 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Harvard; and

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WHEREAS, Gertrude Sward graduated from Harvard High School in 1941; and

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WHEREAS, Gertrude Sward was a devoted farm wife and homemaker; she was also employed at Woodstock Manufacturing Corporation for 23 years and worked at J.L. Clark Manufacturing Company in Rockford before her marriage; and

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WHEREAS, Gertrude Sward was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church for 76 years; she was a member of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, where she served as treasurer; she was an associate member of the Elizabeth Circle and a 4-H leader; she was a member of the West Dunham Homemakers and the Harvard Village Quilters; she was also a volunteer for the Harvard Hospital Auxiliary and a member of

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1 the American Legion Auxiliary; and

2 WHEREAS, Gertrude Sward enjoyed gardening and quilting;
3 she generously shared her garden bounties and could always be
4 counted on to bring food to her church; and

5 WHEREAS, Gertrude Sward was preceded in death by her
6 husband, Henry; her son, Steven Allen Sward; her parents; and
7 her brother, Orville Pagles; and

8 WHEREAS, Gertrude Sward is survived by her daughters,
9 Roxanne (Charles) Sundin and Jennifer (James) Mudrock; her
10 grandchildren, Sharon (Joseph) Rucinski, Douglas Sundin,
11 Jeffrey (Rebecca) Mudrock, Jason Mudrock, and Jana Mudrock; her
12 great-grandchild, Mason Rucinski; her sisters, Jeannette
13 McCullough, Hanna Brady, and Ruth (Howard) Walker; and her
14 sister-in-law, Dolores Hobbs; therefore, be it

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

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Gertrude Sward as an expression of
21 our sympathy.