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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 Mary Jean
4 DeMattei of Marion, who passed away on July 17, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary DeMattei was born in Benton to James G. and
6 Marie (Huelbig) O'Hara on December 17, 1930; she graduated from
7 Benton High School in 1948 and attended Bethel Women's College
8 from 1948 to 1950; she earned her bachelor's degree in
9 education from Southern Illinois University in 1952; she
10 married Clarence E. DeMattei in 1954; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary DeMattei's teaching career lasted over 25
12 years; her passion was kindergarten and she had a positive
13 impact on hundreds of children and colleagues; and

14 WHEREAS, Mary DeMattei was active in her community; she was
15 a member of the First Baptist Church in Marion for 60 years,
16 where she belonged to the Dorcas class; she was a life member
17 of the Marion Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and later, the
18 Heartland Regional Medical Center; she donated blood for the
19 American Red Cross for many years; she served as a member of
20 the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Foundation and as a
21 member, volunteer, and curator for the Williamson County
22 Historical Museum in Marion; she was a retired member of the

1 National, Illinois, and Marion Education Associations, the
2 Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Sorority for Women Educators, and
3 the National Society for Daughters of the American Revolution;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mary DeMattei was an avid reader; she enjoyed yard
6 work, uncovering family genealogy, knitting, quilting, and
7 building homes and completing renovations; she had multiple
8 collections and spent many hours "coining" with her children
9 and grandchildren and teaching them the history and value of
10 United States currency; she worked with her husband to tackle
11 many jobs and was able to help her six children build or
12 renovate homes; she and her husband spent 10 years restoring
13 and saving the now historic Stotlar-DeMattei Home in Marion and
14 their home was listed on the National Register of Historic
15 Places in 2002; and

16 WHEREAS, Mary DeMattei was a sports fan; she attended
17 family sporting events without fail, and if she was not
18 attending a game, meet, or match, there was sure to be one
19 playing on her television; and

20 WHEREAS, Mary DeMattei was preceded in death by her
21 parents; her brother, James O'Hara; her sister-in-law, Mary Lee
22 O'Hara; her nieces, Jama King and Susan O'Hara; and her
23 great-niece, Sara Beth Phillips; and

1 WHEREAS, Mary DeMattei is survived by her husband of 61
2 years, Clarence; her children, J.J. (Teresa), Clay (Lety), Mike
3 (Ronda), Gina (Larry) Crippen, John, and Jenna (John) Fletcher;
4 her grandchildren, Brad (Britni) DeMattei, Bryan (Kellee)
5 DeMattei, Emily DeMattei, Brody DeMattei, Kevin Crippen, Clay
6 (McKenzie) Crippen, Caroline Fletcher, and David Fletcher; and
7 her nephew, Jimmy O'Hara; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, we
10 mourn the passing of Mary Jean DeMattei, and extend our sincere
11 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
12 her; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Mary DeMattei as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.