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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 Lee Turgasen Bates of Danville, who passed away on April 5, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Bates was born in Louisville, Kentucky on February 12, 1934 to Vernon Louis and Julie Meier Turgasen; she attended Crete schools and graduated from Iowa State University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education; she was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Nu honor societies and the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority; she married Keith Allen Bates, DVM, on August 24, 1956 at Crete Methodist Church; and

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WHEREAS, While her husband was in the military, Nancy Bates taught school in Seattle, Washington and then part-time in Georgetown and Danville; she was active in parent-teacher associations and music booster organizations and was a Great Books leader; she worked with the Lakeview Hospital Junior Board, the Junior Services Club, the Danville Symphony Guild, and the P.E.O. Sisterhood; she was on the board of the Christian Home for Youth and the Danville Rescue Mission; she served as President of the League of Women Voters and the Salvation Army Auxiliary and was active on several local school and community referendum committees, including the Committee

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1 for Middlefork Reservoir; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1980, Nancy Bates was elected to the Board of
3 Trustees at Danville Area Community College and was the first
4 female board Chair for her final 2 years, ending in 1999;
5 during this time, she was active with the Illinois Community
6 College Trustees Association, serving as secretary, regional
7 Chair, and on several committees; in 1999, she received the
8 Association of Community College Trustees' Trustee Leadership
9 Award for the Central U.S. Region and was the recipient of the
10 annual Athena Award from the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce;
11 in 2014, she was named Director Emeritus of the Danville Area
12 Community College Foundation; and

13 WHEREAS, Nancy Bates and her husband enjoyed traveling and
14 volunteering; she was a member of the Danville Garden Club, the
15 Clover Club, and the P.E.O.; she served as an officer of the
16 Lincoln Park Historic District Homeowners Association and on
17 the Webster Foundation and the Danville Area Community College
18 Foundation boards; she enjoyed needlework and golf; she was an
19 elder in the Presbyterian Church and served in many capacities
20 at St. James United Methodist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, Nancy Bates was preceded in death by her parents;
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1 WHEREAS, Nancy Bates is survived by her sister, Susan
2 Sawyer; her husband, Keith; her son, Brian Keith Bates
3 (Patricia) and his 2 sons, Johnathon "Jake" and Nick; and Dr.
4 Becky Jo Estill (Scott) and her 2 daughters, Sara and Caitlin;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Nancy Lee Turgasen Bates, and extend our sincere condolences
9 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Nancy Bates as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.