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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Dorothy Marie Ralston of Waukegan, who
4 passed away on November 19, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Ralston was born in Waukegan on May 11,
6 1926 to John and Mary (nee Modic) Gabrosek and remained a
7 life-long resident; she married Robert Theodore Ralston on
8 September 22, 1951 at Mother of God Church in Waukegan; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Ralston started work in the insurance
10 department at Abbott Laboratories the day after her high school
11 graduation from Waukegan Township High School; she also worked
12 at Victory Memorial Hospital and was later employed as a unit
13 secretary at St. Therese Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Ralston enjoyed bowling and attending
15 dances, especially the ones at Great Lakes Naval Base; while at
16 Abbott, she and her sister, Juliette, were in the Abbott Spring
17 Shows and the Abbott Kitchen Band; later, she and her husband
18 started square dancing, along with their daughter, Robin; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Ralston was a life-long member of the
20 Slovenian National Benefit Society and the S.N.P.J. Sloga Lodge
21 14 in Waukegan, where, during her youth, she was part of the

1 Jolly Juveniles Circle and later served on the board for
2 several years; she was also a member of the Slovenic National
3 Home, the Bishop Baraga Association, and the Slovenian Cultural
4 Center in Lemont; she was a member of Mother of God Church,
5 Immaculate Conception Church, and lastly, St. Dismas Church,
6 all located in Waukegan; at Mother of God, she was a member of
7 the Christian Mother's Sodality, at Immaculate Conception she
8 belonged to the Altar and Rosary Society, and at St. Dismas she
9 was in the St. Dismas Women's Club; she also belonged to the
10 Catholic Women's Club of Lake County for several years and
11 became a life member; and

12 WHEREAS, Dorothy Ralston was preceded in death by her
13 daughter, Robin; her parents, John and Mary Gabrosek; and her 5
14 sisters, Sophie (Eugene) Hooker, Jeanne (Robert) Jenkins,
15 MaryAnn (James) McNeely, Tillie (Edward) Tolson, and Juliette
16 (Robert) McCann; and

17 WHEREAS, Dorothy Ralston is survived by her husband,
18 Robert; her daughters, Yvonne Boyer, Doreen (Wesley) Reeves,
19 and Loretta (Charles) Swingle; her grandchildren, Bridget,
20 Ben, and Roxanne Boyer, Erin Reeves, Mary (Craig) Nelson, Jinah
21 (Chris) Morris, and Keith Swingle; her great-granddaughter,
22 Lexi Morris; and many nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore,
23 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Dorothy Marie Ralston, and extend our sincere condolences to
4 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Dorothy Ralston as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.