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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 Geraldine Kelly Keirnan of Waukegan, who passed away on April 4, 2016 at the age of 93; and

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WHEREAS, Geraldine Keirnan was the oldest daughter of Ellen F. and John J. Kelly; she also raised her eight brothers and sisters and truly cared for them throughout their lifetimes; she married Thomas S. Keirnan in 1944; and

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WHEREAS, Geraldine Keirnan graduated from Holy Child High School and then traveled the country during World War II performing as part of the Kelly Sisters; she and her sisters, Frances Kelly and Jane Kelly Kennedy, entertained the troops at all of the continental United States Army bases during the war as part of the USO tours; and

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WHEREAS, Geraldine Keirnan was involved in the community and proud of her work on the Board of the Lake County Museum during its formative years; she was a dedicated officer of the Ex Libris Book Club and became its Historian, maintaining membership records and organizing the annual Book Club Christmas programs at Glen Flora Country Club; she was also a golfer and bridge player; and

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1 WHEREAS, Geraldine Keirnan was preceded in death by her
2 husband, Thomas, and her siblings, Thomas Kelly, Frances Kelly,
3 Jane Kennedy, Marjorie Huffine, Mary Lou Karasak, Dorothy
4 Durka, and Dr. John Kelly and their spouses; and

5 WHEREAS, Geraldine Keirnan is survived by her children,
6 Ellen Louise (Bill Noth) Keirnan, Janine Elizabeth Keirnan, and
7 Patrick (Ana) Keirnan; her grandchildren, Thomas Michael
8 (Marice) Keirnan, Kelly Monica Keirnan, and Sean Sebastian
9 Keirnan; her sister, Ginger (Bill) Durkin; several cousins,
10 including Alice Kelly Mulvaney; her 60 nieces and nephews; Mary
11 Ellen (Don) Vanderverter and her sisters, Joanie (Steve)
12 Westphal and Carol (Steve) Wolf, and her nephew, Billy Durkin
13 (Jen Moore); therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
16 family and friends, mourn the passing of Geraldine Kelly
17 Keirnan; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Geraldine Keirnan as an expression
20 of our sympathy.