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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 Sondra Lea Hecox, who passed away on March 19, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Sondra Hecox was born on August 28, 1936 in Clarion, Iowa; her parents were Irvin and Freda Harmon; she married Dale Hecox on June 7, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Sondra Hecox attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa and the American Business Institute; she later worked for the City of Iowa City until her husband completed his education; they then moved to Oak Park, where she worked as Director of Personnel for the Sunbeam Corporation until her first daughter was born, at which time she became a housewife; they then moved to Elmhurst and then finally to Saint Charles in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Sondra Hecox loved the Republican Party and she and her husband came to represent all that was best about the Grand Old Party; senators, congressmen, and political leaders all sought her counsel and approval; she was a tireless Republican advocate and volunteer; she was an elected precinct committeewoman for Saint Charles Township; she served as secretary of the Kane County Republican Women's Organization;

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1 she served at the Kane County Republican Headquarters for seven
2 years helping to organize fundraising events, where her
3 attention to detail made every volunteer and voter feel
4 special; she and her husband also continued to walk their
5 neighborhood at election times when many people their age would
6 have retired; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2004, Sondra Hecox and her husband were awarded
8 President George W. Bush's Crystal Award for their volunteer
9 efforts in Kane County; she was voted Kane County Republican of
10 the Year in 2004; in 2012, she and her husband were honored
11 with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kane County
12 Republican Party; and

13 WHEREAS, Sondra Hecox loved gardening and landscaping; she
14 was a member of the Pottawatomie Garden Club and participated
15 in their shows and events; and

16 WHEREAS, Sondra Hecox is survived by her loving husband,
17 Dale; her daughters, Sharon Grether and Susan Sherman; her
18 granddaughter; and her three grandsons; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
21 family and friends, mourn the passing of Sondra Lea Hecox; and
22 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Sondra Hecox as an expression of our
3 sympathy.