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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 Alyce Joyce Shay of McHenry, who passed away on August 22, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Alyce Shay was born in Chicago to Mitchell and Charlotte (Wijacki) Bykowski on December 5, 1936; she moved to the McHenry area with her parents in the early 1950s and married John J. Shay at St. Mary Church on October 4, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Alyce Shay graduated from the Wilkins School of Music in 1955 and opened the Alyce Joyce Music Studio in 1957; she taught numerous students her love of the organ, until its closing in 2009; she was also a spokesperson for Lyon & Healy of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Alyce Shay and her husband enjoyed living on the river in McHenry for almost 20 years; they held annual Fiesta Days after parties; they also hosted the yearly "blessing of the boats" on the Fox River; and

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WHEREAS, Alyce Shay was a member of the Church of Holy Apostles, where she was the church organist and was the founder of the prayer line; she had a deep admiration for animals, especially dogs; she adored raising her sons and being a

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1 grandmother and great-grandmother; and

2 WHEREAS, Alyce Shay was preceded in death by her husband,  
3 John, and her parents; and

4 WHEREAS, Alyce Shay is survived by her sons, Kevin Shay and  
5 Darren (Debby) Shay; her grandchildren, Ryan (Kristina) Shay  
6 and Scott (Terri) Shay; her great-grandchildren, Harper and  
7 Madison; and her siblings, Ronald (Linda) Bykowski and James  
8 (Sherry) Bykowski; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Alyce Joyce Shay, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
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14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Alyce Shay as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.