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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 Ruth M. Petersen of McHenry, who passed away on October 24, 2016 at the age of 87; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Petersen was born in Chicago to Karl and Pauline Ziegler on July 17, 1929; she graduated from Kelvyn Park High School in Chicago and attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota; she married Edward H. Petersen at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Chicago on August 2, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Petersen was involved in music and the church for over 70 years; she was a piano teacher for more than 40 years and served in various leadership roles in the Northwest Suburban Music Teachers Association and the Illinois State Music Teachers Association; she also served in many leadership and volunteer positions at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, including Worship and Music Chairperson, Church Council, Assistant Organist and singing in the choir for 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Petersen was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Petersen; and her sisters, Elsie Gall and Mary Jane Boelens; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Petersen is survived by her loving companion,

1 James Cavanaugh; her daughters, Cheryl (Dan) Boncher, Leslie
2 (Scott) McGough, and Karen (Scott) Banach; her grandchildren,
3 Brian Boncher, Christine (Roman) Savchenko, Rebecca McGough,
4 Jessica McGough, and Michelle Banach; and her
5 great-grandchildren, Cameron Boncher and Kyra Savchenko;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
9 family and friends, mourn the passing of Ruth M. Petersen, and
10 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
11 who knew and loved her; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Ruth Petersen as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.