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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 Mary Lou Cousley of Alton, who passed away on February 24, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lou Cousley was born in St. Louis, Missouri to James and Jean (Handley) Williamson on July 11, 1940 and grew up in East St. Louis; she married Stephen A. Cousley on June 8, 1963 and they settled in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lou Cousley taught second grade at Central School in Roxana; she coached the women's tennis team at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey for nine years; she and her husband owned and managed Dormann's Gifts and Interiors in Alton for 16 years before she retired; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lou Cousley was an avid tennis player and golfer; she was a runner-up in the Boynton Beach Links Ladies Championship and had three holes-in-one; she excelled as a chef, party planner, and entertainer, and one of her "jobs" was DJ for the Social Committee at Colonial Ridge Club, where she spent her winters; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Lou Cousley was a charter member of the Alton Marketplace and a member of the Junior League of Greater Alton;

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1 she was involved with the Community Service League, P.E.O.
2 Chapter IL, the Alton Children's Theatre, and the Jennie D.
3 Hayner Library Board; she was a volunteer with many other
4 agencies; she loved helping beautify Riverview Park and the
5 Sunken Garden, and co-chairing the event known as the Duck
6 Pluckers Ball, a fundraiser for Alton Memorial Hospital
7 Foundation to purchase new ambulances; she was a longtime
8 member of First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a
9 deacon; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Lou Cousley was preceded in death by her
11 parents and her brother, Charles Williamson; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Lou Cousley is survived by her husband of 54
13 years, Steve; her daughter, Jean Cousley; her son, Mark (Mary)
14 Cousley; her grandchildren, Chrysa Cousley, Alex Cousley, and
15 Katie Cousley; and many other in-laws, cousins, nieces, and
16 nephews; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Mary Lou Cousley, and extend our sincere condolences to her
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Mary Lou Cousley as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.