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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 Wanda Helen (Harris) Mattea of Maryville, who passed away on October 12, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Wanda Mattea was born in East St. Louis on May 15, 1929 and later moved with her family to rural Caseyville; she graduated from Collinsville High School in 1947 and married Carl W. Mattea in East St. Louis on September 24, 1947; she earned a Bachelor of Arts, a master's degree, and an administrative certification at Southern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Wanda Mattea taught English and then became a district wide counselor; she later became a high school guidance counselor; she worked for the Unit 10 School District for 28 years; she was most proud of taking part in the "PUPS" program; upon her retirement, she became office manager of the Mattea Law Firm for 17 years; and

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WHEREAS, As a young girl, Wanda Mattea was an avid reader which continued with her many friends and acquaintances at the Collinsville Library; she often read as many as five books per week; she was a member of the Blum House Book Club, Friends of the Library, St. Stephen Catholic Church, and the Illinois

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1 Retired Teacher's Association; she was a guest speaker at
2 numerous education conferences; she prided herself on walking
3 two miles per week with the Mileage Club at St. John's Church;
4 she and her husband enjoyed traveling to Italy to visit family;
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6 WHEREAS, Wanda Mattea was a lover of art, travel, books,
7 politics, pets, sports, and interacting with her family; she
8 was known locally as something of an expert in antique dolls
9 and would only show her prize collection to those with whom she
10 had a special connection and totally trusted; her inquiring
11 nature caused her to participate in the Collinsville Library
12 genealogical program, where she was able to trace her family's
13 immigration from Scotland to Baltimore in 1790, through New
14 Harmony, Indiana, the Civil War, to Wayne County, and finally,
15 East St. Louis; and

16 WHEREAS, Wanda Mattea was preceded in death by her husband,
17 Carl; and

18 WHEREAS, Wanda Mattea is survived by her sons, Bruce Mattea
19 and Roger (Janet) Mattea; her cherished grandchildren, Justin
20 B. Mattea, Julia B. Giacoletto, Trevor Mattea, and Chelsea
21 Mattea; her great-grandson, Ian Giacoletto; many nieces,
22 nephews, cousins, and friends; her close friend and
23 sister-in-law, Michelina M. Hoad; and her beloved chocolate

1 lab, Lady; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Wanda Helen (Harris) Mattea, and extend our sincere condolences
5 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Wanda Mattea as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.