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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Bette K. Jordan on December 2, 2018 at
4 the age of 98; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Jordan, the daughter of Oscar C. and Eva
6 Conway Kleinow, grew up in Oak Park and later moved to River
7 Forest; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Jordan had a long career in public
9 relations, learning the trade while working at the Patricia
10 Stevens Modeling and Talent Agency in Chicago during the 1950s;
11 she handled press relations and publicity for the Miss Chicago
12 contest, which was part of the Miss America organization; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Jordan eventually became the head of public
14 relations for the Oak Park Public Schools, a position she held
15 for 17 years; she later had a second career as a real estate
16 broker for F.C. Pilgrim Co. in Oak Park, where she was a member
17 of the Million Dollar Club; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Jordan was an accomplished writer,
19 publishing articles in the Chicago Tribune and, as a working
20 mother, was seen to be ahead of her time; and

1 WHEREAS, Bette Jordan was a longtime member of River Forest
2 Presbyterian Church and was active in several charities,
3 including the Animal Care League and the Anti-Cruelty Society;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Bette Jordan was preceded in death by her parents;
6 her husband, Forbes E. Jordan; her sister, Violet Rottschafer;
7 and her brother, Jack P. Kleinow; and

8 WHEREAS, Bette Jordan was the mother of Susan Jordan, Sally
9 Jordan, and Nancy Jordan; the grandmother of Sarah Rose Jordan
10 and Nicholas Jordan Diefenbach; and the aunt of many nieces and
11 nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Bette K. Jordan and extend our sincere condolences to her
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Bette Jordan as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.