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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of Ruby S. Widicus of rural Trenton, who 4 passed away on September 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Widicus was born to Henry and Clara (Koester) Seibert in Trenton on February 18, 1927; as a child, she was a member of St John E & R in Summerfield; she attended Summerfield School through 8th grade and graduated from Lebanon High School; she then went to college for her teacher's certificate; she later attended Washington University where she took classes in pattern drafting; she also attended classes in horticulture with a particular interest in farm and garden plants; she married Kenneth Widicus at St. Paul UCC in Lebanon on June 4, 1952; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Widicus made wedding dresses and worked as a seamstress for many years; for 35 years, she and her husband owned Happy Day Kennels; she taught dog obedience classes; and

WHEREAS, After her marriage, Ruby Widicus was a member of St Paul UCC in Lebanon and belonged to the Tail Waggers 4-H; and

21 WHEREAS, Ruby Widicus and her husband showed dogs all

- around the country; they once won Best of Terrier Group and 2nd
- 2 Best of Show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New
- 3 York; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ruby Widicus was preceded in death by her
- 5 parents; her husband; her daughter, Nancy Jane Widicus; and
- 6 her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Andrew and Ella Widicus;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Ruby Widicus is survived by her daughter, Diana
- 9 (Michael Davis) Widicus; her grandchildren of whom she was
- 10 especially proud, Michael Andrew (Destiny) Davis, Megan Anne
- 11 (Korhy) Flanary, Jane (Emily) Briguglio, and Nathan Henry
- 12 Davis; and her great-grandchildren, Oliver Patrick Flanary,
- Nancy Jane Flanary, and Theodore Barton Davis; therefore, be
- 14 it
- 15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 17 Ruby S. Widicus and extend our sincere condolences to her
- 18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 19 further
- 20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 21 presented to the family of Ruby Widicus as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.