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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 Alice Iona (Conkey) Reiser, who passed away on February 28, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Alice Reiser was born to Roy and Nellie (Marcussen) Conkey in Petersburg on November 15, 1927; she attended Coddington Grade School, Circleville Country Grade School, and Tallula High School, where she won awards in home economics and dramatic speaking; she graduated from Ashland High School in 1945; she received the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Citizenship Medal; she married John Reiser Jr. at the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Ashland on December 29, 1945; and

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WHEREAS, Along with her husband, Alice Reiser farmed corn and soybeans and raised cattle and hogs; she worked at the veterinary clinic in Ashland for 12 years and at the Ashland Sentinel; she was appointed as village clerk of Ashland; she became the first woman to be elected to the Ashland Village Board, serving one term before being hired as village clerk full-time; she retired in 1993; in retirement, she wrote a children's book, poetry, and fiction; and

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WHEREAS, Alice Reiser was a member of St. Augustine

1 Church, the Altar Society, the Ashland Junior Women's Club,
2 and the Lady Land Owners; she served on the John Cheetham
3 Library Board for 12 years, as secretary of the ACHS Alumni
4 Board, and as a correspondent for the Ashland's Bicentennial
5 Committee from 1975 to 1976; and

6 WHEREAS, Alice Reiser was an accomplished seamstress; she
7 loved butterflies and enjoyed collecting shoes, hats, and
8 books, listening to Country Western Music, especially Tom T.
9 Hall, attending ladies roundtables at the Inns of Hollybrook,
10 and watching old Western movies, Jeopardy, and the St. Louis
11 Cardinals; and

12 WHEREAS, Alice Reiser will be remembered for her
13 generosity, friendliness, and laughter; and

14 WHEREAS, Alice Reiser was preceded in death by her
15 husband; her parents; her sisters, Ruth (Harold) Clasing,
16 Marjorie (Bob Thompson and Bud) Dannenberger, Mary (Joy)
17 Adams, and Patricia (Frank) Cline; her brothers, Ray (Norma
18 Jean) Conkey, John (Marilyn) Conkey, and Bob (Diane) Conkey;
19 her son, John "Jack" (LouAnn) Reiser; her grandson, Mark
20 (Natalie) Reiser; her great-granddaughter, Meritt McDaniel;
21 and several nieces and nephews; and

22 WHEREAS, Alice Reiser is survived by her children, Jill

1 (Jim) Coy, Judith Reiser, and James Reiser; her grandchildren,
2 Sarah Coy, Michelle (Bruce) Motto, Marsha (Philip) McNulty,
3 Cheryl (Brad) Hermes, Clayton (Dani) Reiser, and Ainsley (Kip)
4 McDaniel; her step-granddaughter, Amber Large; 14
5 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Alice Iona (Conkey) Reiser and extend our sincere condolences
10 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
11 it further

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