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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 Laverna L. Nichols of Peoria, who passed away on May 26, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Laverna Nichols was born in Peoria on July 13, 1918 to Clyde and Bernice (nee Hampton) Short; she graduated from Kingman High School in Peoria and married Merle E. Nichols on December 19, 1936 in Eureka; and

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WHEREAS, Laverna Nichols worked as a banquet waitress for the Pere Marquette Hotel and Jefferson Hotel; she later became desk manager of the Jefferson Hotel for many years; she last worked at Jumer's Castle Lodge for 6 years, retiring in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Laverna Nichols was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Peoria; she was active in the Order of the Eastern Star and in mothers' clubs; she enjoyed bowling, baking cookies, and making candles; she was a true homemaker with a green thumb; and

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WHEREAS, Laverna Nichols was preceded in death by her husband, Merle; her parents; her infant brother; and her sister, Betty Babcock; and

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1           WHEREAS, Laverna Nichols is survived by her son, Jerry  
2           (Barbara) Nichols; her daughters, Judith (Alan) Aaron and  
3           Jacqueline Nichols; her 7 grandchildren, Catherine (James)  
4           Tarrant, Craig (Lani) Nichols, Christina (Randy) Reidl,  
5           Michelle Aaron (Stephen Hope), Lara Aaron (William Robert  
6           Johnson), Jacqueline (Billie) Cain, and Stephanie (Daniel)  
7           Nicholson; her 10 great-grandchildren, Sarah, Brittany, Kevin,  
8           Coty, Maximillian, Sydney Rose, Emma Noel, Ashley, Tuesday, and  
9           Matthew; her great-great-grandson, Owen; and several nieces  
10          and nephews; therefore, be it

11          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
12          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13          Laverna L. Nichols, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
14          family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
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16          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17          presented to the family of Laverna Nichols as an expression of  
18          our deepest sympathy.