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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Mildred F. Pucel of Shorewood, who passed 4 away on May 30, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Mildred Pucel was born in Joliet on August 23, 6 1923 to Joseph and Josephine (nee Setina) Erjavec; she 7 graduated from St. Joseph Parochial School in 1936, St. Francis 8 Academy in 1940, and the College of St. Francis in 1944; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Pucel was an elementary teacher at St. Joseph Parochial School from 1964 to 1975 and a school crossing guard for the City of Joliet from 1985 to 2004; she was a democratic election judge in precinct #26 and a volunteer usher at the Rialto Square Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Pucel was a member of Slovenian Women's Union Branch 20, where she was Mother of the Year in 1972, President in 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1988, and Vice-President from 1976 to 1985; she was a charter member of the SWU Drill Team and a member of the Rosarian Club of St. Joseph Church, the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Joseph Church, St. Joseph Church Seniors, and St. Joseph Lodge #2 KSKJ, where she was the 1st female officer in the 100 year history and recording secretary from 1990 to 1991; she was also a member of American

- 1 Legion Auxiliary Unit 1080, where she was President in 1955,
- 2 Cantigny VFW Auxiliary #367, the Catholic High Mothers Club,
- 3 the St. Francis Academy Alumina Association, and the College of
- 4 St. Francis Alumni Association; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mildred Pucel was preceded in death by her husband
- of 54 years, Rudolph J.; her parents; and her 2 sisters,
- 7 Lucille Viola Erjavec and Olga (the late Edward) Ancel; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mildred Pucel is survived by her 4 sons,
- 9 Christopher Michael (Julia, nee Maloney), Philip Gregory
- 10 (Christine, nee Olson), Rudy Thomas, and Victor Joseph Pucel;
- 11 her 4 grandsons, Eric Joseph (Courtney, nee O'Brien), Zachary
- 12 John (Sarah, nee Ansted), Nicholas James (Stacey, nee
- 13 Yarmoska), and Benjamin Joseph Pucel; her granddaughter,
- 14 Rachel Anna Pucel; her great-grandchildren, Teagan, Blake,
- 15 Andrew, and Natalie Pucel; and her siblings, Jonita Ruth and
- 16 Ronald (Marylou) Erjavec; therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 19 Mildred F. Pucel, and extend our sincere condolences to her
- 20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 21 further
- 22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Mildred Pucel as an expression of

2 our deepest sympathy.