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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 JoAnne L. Ford-Mackay, who passed away on October 21, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, JoAnne Ford-Mackay was born on September 2, 1929 in Joliet; her parents were Sam and Myrtle Pettinato; she married Art Mackay in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, JoAnne Ford-Mackay enjoyed everything in the arts; her parents introduced her to the accordion at the age of five and she took lessons from Joe Mosele until the age of 19; she and her husband entertained audiences at nursing homes, meetings, churches, and other places; she was also an accomplished artist; she drew the faces of many male movie stars and sent them to the stars; in return, she would receive autographed pictures of the stars with encouraging notes; this became a treasured hobby of hers and was highlighted on the front page of the Joliet Spectator; she also enjoyed collecting numerous photo albums and often drew characters in them depicting the storyline of her life events; and

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WHEREAS, JoAnne Ford-Mackay served as president of the B.P. Amoco Ladies Club, the "Amoco Anns", and headed their bowling teams; she was a dedicated volunteer at the Rialto Theatre for

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1 11 years and serving on the theatre board for three years; she
2 was inducted into the Rialto Hall of Fame for her many years of
3 service; she was well known for drawing portraits of the stars
4 that performed at the theatre, such as Wayne Newton, Engelbert
5 Humperdink, and Tony Martin, and personally presenting them to
6 the entertainers backstage; she also enjoyed crocheting
7 hand-made dolls and enjoyed giving them away as gifts; and

8 WHEREAS, JoAnne Ford-Mackay was preceded in death by her
9 first husband of 41 years, Emmett "Mickey" Ford; her daughter,
10 Dr. Robin R. Ford Ellis Nash; her son-in-law, Donald G. Ellis;
11 and her parents; and

12 WHEREAS, JoAnne Ford-Mackay is survived by her second
13 husband, Art Mackay; her son, Kevin M. Ford; her grandsons,
14 Aaron Nash and Dr. Brett Nash; her granddaughter, Cody Shannon
15 Nash; her son-in-law, Dr. Ken Nash; her stepdaughters, Cynthia
16 (Dave) Pollentier and Joanne (Greg) Rodriguez; her
17 step-grandchildren, Christopher (Carmen) Schram, Katie (Roy)
18 Coons, Reni Rodriguez, and Yordan Rodriguez; and seven
19 step-great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
22 family and friends, mourn the passing of JoAnne L. Ford-Mackay;
23 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of JoAnne Ford-Mackay as an expression
3 of our sympathy.