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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 Joan Hetta Barlow Van Note, who passed away on October 16, 2015, at the age of 92; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Van Note was born in Hopkinton, Iowa to Reverend Dr. Walter and Sarah Ellen (Greenwood) Barlow on March 16, 1923; in 1929, the family moved to Ames, Iowa; in her childhood, and as a young adult, she was an accomplished distance swimmer; she graduated from Grinnell College in 1944 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology; she received her master's degree in nursing from Case Western University in 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Van Note was in an auto accident in 1956, before seat belts were in standard use; as a result of that accident, she lived with a disability for 59 years thereafter, never allowing that disability to slow her down; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Van Note worked in New York City as the founder and editor of "Nurses Notes", a newsletter designed to keep nurses updated on medical advancements; she later published "Report for Nurses"; she was honored to be one of the first individuals to interview Dr. Jonas Salk regarding the vaccine for polio; and

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1           WHEREAS, Joan Van Note relocated to the Midwest in 1970 and  
2 continued working as a geriatric nurse and a realtor in  
3 Wheaton; and

4           WHEREAS, During her retirement, Joan Van Note moved to  
5 Chicago to help raise her granddaughter; she sang in the church  
6 choir at Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation and  
7 was a docent with the Unity Temple Restoration Foundation; she  
8 also continued to swim, enjoyed reading the New York Times at  
9 the Oak Park Public Library, and was well known throughout Oak  
10 Park for walking everywhere, her cheerful demeanor, and her  
11 ready smile; and

12           WHEREAS, Joan Van Note is survived by her son, Allen  
13 (Elizabeth Scanlan); her daughter, Sarah; and her  
14 grandchildren, Sean (Anna), Liam (Devan), Eugene, and Grace;  
15 therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Joan Hetta Barlow Van Note, and extend our sincere condolences  
19 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be  
20 it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Joan Van Note as an expression of  
2 our deepest sympathy.