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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 Mary Frances Draper, who passed away on January 21, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Draper was born to Judge James V. and Frances M. Bartley on November 4, 1922 and raised in Joliet; she attended Cathedral Of St. Raymond Grade School, St. Francis Academy, and St. Francis College (University of St. Francis) in Joliet; she graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana in 1942 with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature; she wed Addison Dent Draper on September 4, 1942; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Draper worked as an assistant at the Peru Public Library, as an aide to State Rep. Donald Anderson, a registered social worker for the Horizons Center in LaSalle-Peru, and with her husband, ran an outdoor education program for middle school students, "Natures Classroom", in LaSalle-Peru; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Draper taught CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine), procured food and clothing for local migrant workers, volunteered for UNICEF, and was active in the Christian Family Movement; and

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1           WHEREAS, Mary Draper enjoyed literature and poetry,  
2 politics and social justice, caring for physically and  
3 intellectually challenged individuals, gardening and the  
4 environment, life-long learning, and elder hostels; she also  
5 liked hot air ballooning and cross country skiing; well into  
6 her 9th decade, she swam daily at the YMCA and did volunteer  
7 work with guide dogs for the blind and for several local  
8 shelters and agencies in Martinez, California; and

9           WHEREAS, Mary Draper loved social gatherings where she was  
10 often asked to perform oratorical ditties, musical parodies,  
11 and narrations from Mother Goose; following her husband's death  
12 in 1985, she traveled in Europe, Central America, and to  
13 national parks; and

14           WHEREAS, Mary Draper enjoyed the arts, visiting museums,  
15 and attending theater and concerts; she loved camping,  
16 swimming, hiking, and spending time at the family's cabin on  
17 the Magnetawan River in Ontario, Canada; after her retirement,  
18 she moved to Martinez, California to be near her children; she  
19 lived for periods with her various children, enjoying a rich  
20 and varied life with her extended family; and

21           WHEREAS, Mary Draper was preceded in death by her parents;  
22 her brother, James M. Bartley; her sister, Nancy Hall

1 (Bartley); her son, Patrick A. Draper; her daughter, Frances  
2 Eugenie "Genie" Draper; and her infant granddaughter, Sarah  
3 Inez Draper; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Draper is survived by her children, Michael  
5 A. Draper, Robyn Draper-Praetz (Peter), Susan Draper  
6 (Michael), Peter Bartley Draper, Paul J. Draper (Jean), Miriam  
7 A. Goldfien (Robert), Greg C. Draper (Marcey), Allison D.  
8 Draper (Jeff), and Jonathon A. Draper (Ginny); her  
9 daughter-in-law, Lisa; 24 grandchildren; eight  
10 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; many  
11 friends; and her loving caregiver, Terry; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Mary Frances Draper, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Mary Draper as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.