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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 Dr. Jean A. Bowen, who passed away on September 16, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen was born in Joliet to John and Helen (Olson) Gerber on February 11, 1942; she grew up in Fairbury and graduated from Fairbury-Cropsey High School; she received a Bachelor of Arts from Millikin University, a Master of Arts from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and a Doctorate of Education from Loyola University; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen began her career in education at Johns Hill Junior High School in Decatur; she then was a guidance counselor at Centennial High School in Champaign; she moved to Elgin and taught at Abbott Junior High School; she was a guidance counselor, assistant principal, and head of the Fine Arts Academy at Larkin High School; finally, she was the first principal of South Elgin High School; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen was member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, the Elgin Junior Women's Club, and the Elgin Service Board; she was on the board of the Community Crisis Center, the board of the Elgin Sports Hall of Fame, and the board of the U-46 Educational Foundation; she was a longtime member of

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1 Wesley United Methodist Church in Elgin, where she was part of
2 the choir and served in many capacities; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen was preceded in death by her parents;
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5 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowen is survived by her husband of 53 years,
6 Gary: her sons, John T. (Jori) and David A. (Christine): her
7 grandchildren, Camille, Drew, and Keira; her sister, Janet
8 (Tom) Mann; her brothers, John Gerber and Paul (Sharon) Gerber;
9 and many nephews and nieces; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Dr. Jean A. Bowen, and extend our sincere condolences to her
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Dr. Bowen as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.