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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 Jean C. Lennon of Joliet, who passed away on November 19, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Lennon was born in Chicago to Arthur and Alice (Hilbert) Canty on March 20, 1928; she was raised on the south side of Chicago and loved spending her summers at Camp Lake, Wisconsin; she graduated from Little Flower Grade School and Mercy High School in Chicago; she earned her bachelor's degree as an Art and English major from the University of Illinois; she married Colonel Arthur T. Lennon in 1951 and they lived in Alabama and the Washington, D.C. area before moving to Joliet in 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Lennon taught art and architecture at the Chicago Vocational School for a year; her true passion was teaching English as a Second Language, including vocational language, at Joliet Township High School for 10 years; she was proud to have taught and mentored many Indochinese and other refugees in the Joliet area; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Lennon was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, St. Paul the Apostle Women's Club, and the Visitation and Aid Society of Joliet, where she served as

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1 Welfare Chair; she was a former member of the Newcomers Club of
2 Joliet and the Junior Women's Club; she served as an election
3 judge for 35 years and was known for her election soup by her
4 fellow election judges, candidates who stopped by, and those
5 who voted in her garage polling place; and

6 WHEREAS, Jean Lennon was preceded in death by her husband,
7 Arthur; her beloved daughter, Elizabeth "Lisa" Lennon; her
8 loving son, Arthur "Bud" C. Lennon; her great-granddaughter,
9 Kathleen Rawlinson; her parents; and her sister, Alice
10 O'Shaughnessy; and

11 WHEREAS, Jean Lennon is survived by her daughter, the
12 Honorable Dinah (John) Archambeault; her son, John H. Lennon;
13 her daughter-in-law, Rebecca Lennon; her "daughter", Mary
14 Kohler; her grandchildren, Elizabeth "Lisa" (Steven) Thomas,
15 John "Johnny" L. Archambeault, Mary "Molly" (Adam) Rawlinson,
16 Ashley (Mark) Conner, Michael Lennon, Caitlin Lennon, and
17 Claire Lennon; her great-grandchildren, Emma and Michael
18 Thomas and Christian, Justice, Liberty, and Valor Rawlinson;
19 three nieces; one nephew; and numerous cousins; therefore, be
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Jean C. Lennon, and extend our sincere condolences to her

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Jean Lennon as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.