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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 R-Lou Barker of Springfield, who passed away on April 21, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, R-Lou Barker was born in McPherson, Kansas to John Clifford and Hazel Dell Washburn Porter on December 18, 1933; she attended schools in Centralia, Missouri and Glenarm, Illinois; she graduated from Ball Township High School and attended the University of Illinois at Springfield; she married Morton Darrell Barker Jr. in Chicago on June 29, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, R-Lou Barker was a community advocate; she was active at the board level of many organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Land of Lincoln Girl Scout Council, the Springfield Art Association, the Springfield Symphony Women's Board, the Vachel Lindsay Association, the Illinois State Museum Society, and the Illinois State Museum; her dedication to the preservation of historic sites was demonstrated by her long-term service on the Springfield Historic Sites Commission and the Dana-Thomas House Foundation; she also served as Chairman of the Illinois Center for the Book and the Illinois Committee for the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.; and

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1           WHEREAS, R-Lou Barker was an avid traveler; she visited  
2 both the North and South Poles and every continent; she  
3 believed there was "always another adventure to be  
4 experienced"; and

5           WHEREAS, R-Lou Barker was preceded in death by her parents;  
6 her husband, Morton; her son, Morton Darrell Barker III; and  
7 her sister, Ruth Porter Shepherd; and

8           WHEREAS, R-Lou Barker is survived by her sons, Robert  
9 (Anne), Jess (Barbara), John, and Paul; her seven  
10 grandchildren, her three great-grandchildren; her sister,  
11 Martha (Bob) Fielding; and her three nieces and nephews;  
12 therefore, be it

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

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