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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 Karen (nee Campe) Mateyka of Edwardsville, who passed away on February 18, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Mateyka was born in Lebanon on August 4, 1937 to Harold and Arline (nee Neumann) Campe; she was raised in Lebanon, where she was an honor student and graduate of Lebanon High School; she was awarded a scholastic scholarship to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where she was a cheerleader and member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Society; after moving to Edwardsville, she completed a Bachelor of Science in History and Art History at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville; she married William J. "Bill" Mateyka on November 22, 1957 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville; and

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WHEREAS, Karen Mateyka became an active member and served in leadership roles in various Edwardsville organizations, including Junior Service and the YMCA; since 1992, she has been a member of the Edwardsville Historic Preservation Commission and served as Chairman of the organization; in September of 2000, she received a Local Preservation Award from the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions; she researched and wrote 5 local landmark applications, a landmark

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1 brochure, and coordinated the publication of "Edwardsville: An
2 Illustrated History"; she assisted with the development of the
3 Archi-Room at the Edwardsville Public Library and with the
4 organization of the Route 66 Festival; she spearheaded the
5 effort to rehang the old bank clock, which resulted in Clock
6 Tower Park on Main Street; she chaired the brick street
7 restoration project and was instrumental in the city's purchase
8 of the Col. Benjamin Stephenson House; and

9 WHEREAS, Karen Mateyka was named a Paul Harris Fellow by
10 the Edwardsville Rotary Club for her work in preservation and
11 was appointed to the Illinois Historic Advisory Council in
12 November of 2000; she was a board member of the Friends of Col.
13 Benjamin Stephenson House; her dedication to the Stephenson
14 House is noted by her research of the complete genealogy of the
15 Stephenson family; in April of 2007, she published the book
16 "Henry the Stephenson House Mouse: A Diary", detailing the
17 restoration of Col. Benjamin Stephenson's house and the history
18 of the Stephenson family; in May of 2012, she received the
19 Historic Preservation Recognition Award from the National
20 Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for her
21 excellent volunteer work in historic preservation; and

22 WHEREAS, Karen Mateyka was was a member of St. Boniface
23 Catholic Church in Edwardsville; and

1 WHEREAS, Karen Mateyka was preceded in death by her parents
2 and her daughter, Jeanne Mateyka; and

3 WHEREAS, Karen Mateyka is survived by her son, Dan (Denise)
4 Mateyka; her daughter, Sarah L. "Sally" Mateyka; her
5 granddaughter, Taylor Danielle Mateyka; and her sister, Dona
6 (John) Shieppe; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Karen Mateyka, and extend our sincere condolences to her
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Karen Mateyka as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.