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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 Evelyn M. Bowles of Edwardsville, who passed away on April 8, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Bowles was born in Worden on April 22, 1921 to Ira and Anna (Augustine) Bowles; she served in the United States Coast Guard-SPARS (Women's Reserve) as a Yeoman from 1943 to 1945 in the Intelligence Division; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Bowles worked as an elementary school teacher in Livingston in 1951; she joined the Madison County Clerk's Office in 1957 after accepting a summer job; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Bowles served as Madison County Clerk from 1972 to 1994; she swore in the first female Assistant State's Attorney in Madison County, Stephanie Robbins, in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Bowles served as an Illinois State Senator from 1994 to 2002; she quickly became known as an active and colorful member of the Senate, and a bit of a renegade; she was on the Senate Agricultural and Conservation Committee; and

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WHEREAS, As a State Senator, Evelyn Bowles' greatest pride came in sponsoring legislation that made Illinois the first

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1 state to regulate the reuse of surgical devices designed for
2 one-time only use; and

3 WHEREAS, Evelyn Bowles retired in 2002; under State law,
4 she could have kept her leftover campaign funds, but instead
5 chose to establish a scholarship for future public servants at
6 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; and

7 WHEREAS, Evelyn Bowles held many memberships, including
8 St. Mary Catholic Church in Edwardsville, where she served as
9 the first Chairman of the Parish Council; she also belonged to
10 the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal
11 Employees; Business Professional Women; Daughters of Isabella;
12 Association of American Retired People; American Legion Post
13 199; Madison County Historical Museum and Archival Library;
14 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Alumni Association;
15 and Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation;
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17 WHEREAS, Evelyn Bowles was preceded in death by her parents
18 and her brother, Ira Bowles Jr.; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Evelyn M. Bowles, and extend our sincere condolences to her
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Evelyn Bowles as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.