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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Jane Elisabeth (Shears) Emerson of
4 Divernon, who passed away on May 2, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Jane Emerson, the daughter of William and
6 Elisabeth (Mayer) Shears, was born in Springfield on April 2,
7 1940; she graduated from Divernon High School in 1958; she
8 married Leonard Emerson in Divernon on November 25, 1960; and

9 WHEREAS, Jane Emerson was a stay-at-home mom while her
10 children were young and worked with her husband, Leonard, in
11 the family business, Emerson Press, which they started in 1968
12 in the garage of their family home and later moved to the
13 square in Divernon; and

14 WHEREAS, Jane Emerson was a lifelong and deeply involved
15 resident of Divernon; she was the organist at the Divernon
16 Presbyterian Church for over 65 years, where she also served
17 on the board, and she was the secretary of the Divernon Public
18 Library Board and a lifetime member of the Divernon American
19 Legion Auxiliary; and

20 WHEREAS, Jane Emerson was a devoted wife, mother,
21 grandmother, and great-grandmother; and

1 WHEREAS, Jane Emerson was preceded in death by her
2 parents; and

3 WHEREAS, Jane Emerson is survived by her husband of 64
4 years, Leonard; her children, Melissa (Jamie Stowers) Layton,
5 Stephanie (Doug) McDannald, Brett (Keeley) Emerson, Prentice
6 (Julie Brant) Emerson, and Erika (Mike) Campas; her brother,
7 Allan (Pat) Shears; 11 grandchildren; and three
8 great-granddaughters; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Jane Elisabeth (Shears) Emerson and extend our sincere
12 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
13 her; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Jane Emerson as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.