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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 Robbie C. Shoemaker Heitzman of Moline, who passed away on August 29, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Robbie Heitzman was born in Nashville, Tennessee to Pallie Pack and Charlie Morris on July 9, 1924; she moved to Chicago at the age of three with her mother and graduated from South Shore High School; and

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WHEREAS, Robbie Heitzman worked for the New York Central Railroad before joining the United States Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) during World War II serving in communication intelligence as a telegrapher 3rd class; after her discharge in 1946, she attended the University of Illinois; she married George Shoemaker Jr. in Chicago on June 14, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Robbie Heitzman worked with her husband in the home building industry, where she decorated many show houses; she later worked for the United States Army Corps of Engineers in the Contracting Division, retiring in 1990; she founded a catering service from which she retired in 1999; after the passing of her first husband, she married Dale Heitzman in Rock Island on July 17, 1999; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robbie Heitzman was active in the National
2 Association of Home Builders Auxiliary, serving as a local,
3 state, and national president and remained a Life Director; she
4 was a member and elder of South Park Presbyterian Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Robbie Heitzman was preceded in death by her first
6 husband, George; her second husband, Dale; and her grandsons,
7 Brett Andrew Shoemaker and Christen Thiel Shoemaker; and

8 WHEREAS, Robbie Heitzman is survived by her children, Dr.
9 Craig (Janet) Shoemaker, Dawn (Blair) Gorsuch, and Kenn (Kathy)
10 Shoemaker; her stepchildren, Patti Heitzman and Terry
11 Heitzman; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren;
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 Robbie C. Shoemaker Heitzman, and extend our sincere
16 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
17 her; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Robbie Heitzman as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.