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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 Loretta Louise "Weezie" Scheffel, who passed away on January 11, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Scheffel was born to John and Lora (Wood) Gillingham, the fifth of twelve children, on March 2, 1922; she lived to play ball with her brothers, and as an adolescent, she played on a girls' traveling ball team; she married John Scheffel on April 5, 1941; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Scheffel was a stay-at-home mom while her children were small; she later worked at Geers Department Store and Boyd Memorial Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, At the age of 92, Louise Scheffel published a book titled, With God's Help We Made It, a collection of her memories of growing up in a large family during the Great Depression; she was recognized as an Illinois author on the floor of the Illinois Senate by Senator Sam McCann in March 2015, a moment she treasured; and

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WHEREAS, Louise Scheffel was the oldest member of the Presbyterian Church in Carrollton and also attended the Methodist Church, where she was recognized as "Methodist Woman

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1 of the Year" due to her service to the church; she jokingly
2 referred to herself as a "Methoterian"; and

3 WHEREAS, Louise Scheffel was a fantastic cook and known for
4 her pumpkin pie, homemade noodles, and wacky cake; she was a
5 talented seamstress and made numerous dresses, outfits, and
6 costumes; she loved her family and helping anyone who needed
7 her; and

8 WHEREAS, Louise Scheffel was preceded in death by her
9 parents; her husband, John; her son-in-law, Charles Anderson;
10 her grandson, Charles Anderson Jr.; her brothers, Willis,
11 Harry, and John Gillingham; and her sisters, Lillian Helderman,
12 Mary Chapman, Betty Gerson, and Neoma Schmidt; and

13 WHEREAS, Louise Scheffel is survived by her children, John
14 (Linda) Scheffel Jr., Barbara Anderson, and Susan (Kim)
15 Postlewait; her grandchildren, Tom Anderson, Lisa (Ed)
16 Davenport, Karen (Stanley) Weimer, Heidi (Brian) McDonald,
17 Erin Settles, Sarah Wagoner, Elizabeth (Jacob) Warford, and
18 Robin (Jason) Hasty; her "adopted grandchildren," Eric, James,
19 and Ryker; her many great and great-great-grandchildren; her
20 siblings, Neal Gillingham, Darlene Carmean, and JoAnn Roth; and
21 her many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 L. Louise "Weezie" Scheffel and extend our sincere condolences
3 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Louise Scheffel as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.