



SR2035

LRB100 23394 MST 42444 r

1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ruth Hurlburt Hamilton on June 26, 2018 at the age of 97; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Ruth Hamilton was born in Kirksville, Missouri in 1921, but spent most of her life as a devoted Oak Parker; she graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School and decided to study acting; she attended the Goodman School of Drama for a year, being cast as a thorn bush in Sleeping Beauty; the director criticized her portrayal in rehearsal, saying she was not "brambling" properly; she then attended Pomona College and later graduated with a degree in English Literature from Rosary College in River Forest; and

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

WHEREAS, Ruth Hamilton married Allen Beye Hamilton in 1943; during her long and happy marriage, she wrote poems and published several in the Ladies Home Journal; her poem, Song for A Fifth Child, has been read and cherished through decades by generations of mothers; and

15

16

17

18

19

WHEREAS, Ruth Hamilton had many vocations, including acting in community theater productions, working with Oak Park and River Forest High School productions, and writing profiles of actors that appeared in the Chicago Daily News and many

20

21

22

1 other newspapers; and

2 WHEREAS, Ruth Hamilton was known for writing letters and
3 other pieces which carried her signature sparkle, wit, and
4 generosity; she wrote such a charming letter to the actress
5 Lynne Fontanne that Fontanne and husband, Alfred Lunt, agreed
6 to be interviewed, although they had long since stopped
7 agreeing to being profiled; and

8 WHEREAS, Ruth Hamilton spent the last ten years of her life
9 at the Presbyterian Home in Evanston; her enormous capacity for
10 happiness was a gift that touched everyone she met; and

11 WHEREAS, Ruth Hamilton was preceded in death by her loving
12 husband, Allen, and her daughter, Sarah; and

13 WHEREAS, Ruth Hamilton is remembered for her profound joy
14 and is survived by her children, Duncan, Bruce, Jeremy, and
15 Jane; her son-in-law, Bob Willard; and her grandchildren, Allen
16 and Duncan Riddell and Ben and Hannah Willard; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Ruth Hurlburt Hamilton, and extend our sincere condolences to
20 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Ruth Hamilton as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.