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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 Bette R. Jackson of Woodson, who passed away on March 13, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Jackson was born to Raymond E. and Elizabeth L. Bronson Johnson in Wausau, Wisconsin on February 15, 1935; she graduated from Appleton High School in Wisconsin in 1953; she married Lee Roy Jackson Jr. on August 18, 1956, and he preceded her in death on April 24, 2008; she graduated from MacMurray College in 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Jackson threw herself into being a Jacksonvillian after marriage; following her love of nature, she developed and directed the first Girl Scout overnight camping program for the area; she also served as president and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Jacksonville MacMurray Music Association; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Jackson served on the Passavant Memorial Area Hospital's Board of Trustees for multiple terms; she promoted the hospital's blood donation program throughout Morgan and Scott counties; she also developed and promoted the first CPR training program for the hospital; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bette Jackson followed her true passion in 1987,
2 founding and becoming the director of Woodhaven Hospice, the
3 first compassionate dying program for patients and families in
4 the area; she served as director for 20 years until her
5 retirement; during this time, she established support groups
6 for both survivors of strokes and the families of stroke
7 victims in Jacksonville; she also advocated for younger town
8 members by starting a grief support group at Turner Junior
9 High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Bette Jackson joined her husband's family church,
11 First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, where she served as
12 both an elder and a deacon for multiple terms; she was a
13 long-standing and active member of Chapter E1 of the PEO,
14 where she served in several different leadership positions for
15 many years; and

16 WHEREAS, Bette Jackson was preceded in death by her
17 parents; her husband; and her brother, William R. Johnson; and

18 WHEREAS, Bette Jackson is survived by her daughters, Rae
19 Ellen Hopkins-Hostetler (Randy) and Karen "KJ" Doyle (Kelly);
20 her grandchildren, Becca R. Cannon, Sarah E. Hopkins (Brandon
21 Doherty), and Laura B. Whittaker; her step-grandchildren, C.
22 Doyle, Molly Doyle, and Jason Doyle; one great-granddaughter;
23 two great-grandsons; and her sister-in-law, Carol (Gary)

1 Watkins; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Bette R. Jackson and extend our sincere condolences to her
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Bette Jackson as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.