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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Barbara Adkins of Batavia,  
4 who passed away on July 3, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Adkins was born in Crouse-Irving Hospital  
6 in Syracuse, New York, on April 23, 1928; she attended high  
7 school in Rantoul, Illinois, graduated from Illinois State  
8 Normal University in August 1948, and briefly taught in Malden,  
9 Illinois; she married Don Adkins in August 1950; she earned her  
10 Masters from the State University of New York at Buffalo in  
11 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Adkins joined the School District 129  
13 teaching staff in 1960, and taught mathematics at Jefferson,  
14 Washington, and North Campus, until she retired as the Chair of  
15 the Mathematics Department at West Aurora High School in 1992;  
16 she also taught evening classes in mathematics at Aurora  
17 University; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Adkins was involved in many book clubs  
19 over the years, including AAUW and the Minerva Coterie; she was  
20 actively involved for many years in the Aurora Education  
21 Association; and

1           WHEREAS, Barbara Adkins was preceded in death by her  
2 husband, Don and her son, Gerard Joseph Adkins; and

3           WHEREAS, Barbara Adkins is survived by her children,  
4 Catherine Lynn (Ret. Admiral Rick) Ruehe, Charles Donald  
5 (Marianne Linn) Adkins, and William Francis (Mary Ellen)  
6 Adkins; and her grandchildren, Emily (Andrew) Ruehe Puckett and  
7 Eric Lyons (Amita Sung) Ruehe; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 Barbara Adkins, and we extend our sincere condolences to her  
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
12 further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest  
15 sympathy.