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SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Margery W. Steele, who passed away on 4 June 20, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Margery Steele was born on July 17, 1920, in 6 Michigan City, Indiana, to George and Marion (nee Whiteley) 7 Phelan; she graduated from Kingston High School in Kingston, 8 New York, and attended New York City Business College; and

WHEREAS, Margery Steele worked for the War Department in the Office of Strategic Services, which later became the Central Intelligence Agency; she served in North Africa, Egypt, and Greece; she married Harold Steele on October 12, 1946, in a civil ceremony, followed by a military ceremony in Vienna, Austria on October 13, 1946; and

WHEREAS, Margery Steele was an active member of First Congregational Church of Peru and a past member of Dover Congregational Church; she participated in other clubs and organizations, including Steele Farms as secretary-treasurer, Dover Congregational Church as a Sunday school teacher, the board of the American Red Cross, the Dover Grade School Board, the Bureau County United Way, and as a Camp Fire Girls Leader; she hosted students and was on the board for the American Field

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- 1 Service and the Bureau Valley Business and Professional Women's
- 2 Club, where she was woman of the year in 1980; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Margery Steele was preceded in death by her
- 4 parents; her 3 brothers; and her sister; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Margery Steele is survived by her husband of 67
- 6 years, Harold; her children, Greg (Sandra) Steele, Linda (Noel)
- 7 Hobbs, Becky (Tom) Hall, and Susan (Mike) Teslow; her AFS-USA
- 8 foreign exchange daughters, Dr. Akke Van der Zijpp and Kyoko
- 9 (Shinobo) Tanaka; her grandchildren, Kristopher (Dawn) Hall,
- 10 Alanna (Evan Rapoport) Hobbs, Cpt. Chad (Dr. Michelle) Foreman,
- 11 Katie (Michael) Baldwin, and Rachel Foreman; her foreign
- 12 grandchildren, Karin and Jumi Yamada; her great-grandsons,
- Jacob Foreman and Ieppi Tanaka; and several nieces and nephews;
- 14 therefore, be it
- 15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 17 Margery W. Steele, and extend our sincere condolences to her
- 18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 19 further
- 20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 21 presented to the family of Margery Steele as an expression of
- 22 our deepest sympathy.