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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 Martha M. Berg of North Aurora, who passed away on June 27, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Berg was born on April 8, 1947, in Frankfort, Kentucky; her parents were James H. and Martha Maddox; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Berg graduated from Sullivan Indiana High School in 1965; she subsequently attended Indiana State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1968 and completed her master's degree in elementary education in 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Berg served as an educator for 35 years; she spent her first 26 years at Sherrard Elementary in Sherrard and her last 9 years in education were spent at East Aurora Illinois School District 131; after retiring in 2005, she carried her love of teaching into assisting future teachers at Olivet Nazarene University, Aurora University, and the National Head Start Family Literacy Center; and

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WHEREAS, Martha Berg was an active member of her community; she served in numerous organizations, including the Child

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1 Welfare Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, and P.E.O.; she was a
2 member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where she was
3 involved in the Chancel Choir and 10-Fold Contemporary
4 Christian Group and served as a deacon and member of various
5 committees; and

6 WHEREAS, Martha Berg is survived by her loving husband of
7 17 years, Richard K. "Dick" Berg Jr.; her children, Laura
8 (Eric) Kies, Tyler (Brooke) Knowles, Rick (Audra) Berg, and
9 Diane (Brian) Gillaspie; her grandchildren, Maddox and Kennon
10 Kies, Carter and Reid Knowles, Jackson and Jillian Berg, and
11 Hannah Gillaspie; and her special brothers, Jay (Carolyn)
12 Maddox and Bill Maddox; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 her family and friends, the passing of Martha M. Berg; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Martha Berg as an expression of our
19 sympathy.