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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn about the death of Ruth J. (nee Tunila) Wiggers of Lincoln, who passed away on September 28, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Wiggers was born on November 20, 1933 to John and Viola Tunila; she grew up in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania and graduated from Wilkes Barre Township High School; she attended Western Union Telegraph School in Washington, D.C. and then settled in Illinois; she married Marvin Wiggers at the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln on September 21, 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Wiggers worked as a waitress at the Blue Dog Inn in Lincoln and the Heritage Inn; she also worked for the EATON Corporation (formerly known as Cutler Hammer); and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Wiggers and her husband loved to dance and were longtime members of the Hartsburg/Emden and Delevan Dance Clubs; they liked to travel and saw all 50 states; she was a 4-H leader for many years and enjoyed arts and crafts of all kinds; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Wiggers was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marvin; her sister, Helen Lutkoski; her brothers, Joe, Peter, and Victor Tunila; and her stepson, Kevin Wiggers;

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2 WHEREAS, Ruth Wiggers is survived by her brother, Edward  
3 (Rita) Tunila; her daughter, Amy (Nathan) Chen; her  
4 sister-in-law, Katherina Goldhammer; her brother-in-law,  
5 Milton Wiggers; her sister-in-law, Cecilia Tunila; her  
6 step-daughter, Karen (John) Sandel; her son, Robert (Jill) Awe,  
7 Jr.; her daughter-in-law, Carrie Wiggers; her granddaughters,  
8 Ashley and Kinsley Chen, Shannon (Dan) Doolin, and Courtney  
9 Awe; her grandsons, Gregory Chen, Matthew (Tessa) Sandel,  
10 Isreal Sandel, Christian Sandel, and Clint Awe; her 7  
11 great-grandchildren; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces,  
12 great-nephews, great-great-nieces, and great-great-nephews;  
13 and her friend, Tom LaVenda; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Ruth J. Wiggers, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Ruth Wiggers as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.