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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 Joanne "Della" Fought of Peoria, who passed away on February 19, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Joanne Fought was born in Denver, Colorado on October 27, 1931 to William and Grace Hoagland; she married John "Jack" Fought in Denver on August 4, 1951; they settled in Peoria in 1969; she earned her master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Joanne Fought worked as a librarian at Trewyn K-8 School and Illinois Community College, retiring in 1988; she also created a library at the Peoria County Jail and founded the Alpha Park Library in Bartonville; and

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WHEREAS, Joanne Fought was active in many community organizations, including Common Place and the Center for Prevention of Abuse; along with her husband, she ran the Community Word newspaper for many years; she was a leader at the Universalist Unitarian Church, serving as President of the Board and as Chair of Social Action; she also served with 2 ministerial search committees, the Building Committee, the Women's Fellowship, and Women in Religion, as well as with district and national groups; and

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1           WHEREAS, Joanne Fought was preceded in death by her  
2 husband, Jack; her sons, John and Jeff; and her grandson, Bryan  
3 Fought; and

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5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Joanne "Della" Fought, and extend our sincere condolences to  
9 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Joanne Fought as an expression of  
13 our deepest sympathy.