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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 Marjorie L. Stevens of Richmond, who passed away on April 26, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Marjorie Stevens was born in Libertyville to Irving and Georgia (Vasey) Townsend on October 15, 1930; she graduated from Richmond-Burton High School in 1948 and married J. Robert Stevens Sr. in Richmond on March 5, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Marjorie Stevens was the first woman bus driver for Richmond-Burton Schools; she drove for 33 years, retiring in 1995; she also served as dispatcher for the Richmond Fire Department; and

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WHEREAS, Marjorie Stevens was a charter member of the Richmond Trailblazers and a Cub Scout den mother; she received the Richmond Rotary "Person of the Year" award in 1999; she was an avid supporter of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's extra-curricular activities; she drove countless students on her bus routes over the years and, later on, their kids, always referring to each of them as "one of her kids"; and

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WHEREAS, Marjorie Stevens was preceded in death by her

1 parents; her husband, Robert; her daughter, Judy Stevens; her
2 granddaughter, Melissa Petska; her great-grandson, Braden
3 Petska; her two sisters, Shirley Nelson and Georgia Brough; her
4 brother, Richard Townsend; and her brother-in-law, Robert
5 Edinger; and

6 WHEREAS, Marjorie Stevens is survived by her three
7 daughters, Lois (Harvey) Petska, Pam Kopacz (Dave Palcek), and
8 Anna Penza (Jim Ross); her four sons, Bill (LaVerne) Stevens,
9 Ray (Peg) Stevens, Bob (Joy) Stevens Jr., and Larry (Marlene)
10 Stevens; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; her five
11 sisters, Rosella Edinger, Joan Miller, Luella (Ken) Bishop,
12 Betty (Dave) Gregory, and Charlotte (Steve) Schaid; her three
13 brothers, Irving (Beverly) Townsend, Wendell Townsend, and
14 Donald (Edie) Townsend; and her two brothers-in-law, Richard
15 Nelson and Harry Brough; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Marjorie L. Stevens, and extend our sincere condolences to her
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Marjorie Stevens as an expression of
23 our deepest sympathy.