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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 Dorothy Mae "Dottie" Brown of Joliet at the age of 96; and

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WHEREAS, Dottie Brown was born in Joliet to Frank and Rose Maxwell in 1923; she graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1941; and

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WHEREAS, During World War II, Dottie Brown worked at the Joliet Arsenal in Manhattan while her future husband, LaVerne "Bitz" Brown, served in the military; after the war, they were married at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church; and

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WHEREAS, In 1948, Dottie Brown and her husband along with their high school friends Paul and Vicki Lambrecht formed Brown and Lambrecht Earthmovers; the company grew to become a major regional civil contractor, providing gainful employment to thousands of individuals throughout Illinois and the Midwest; and

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WHEREAS, For the last 60 years, Dottie Brown supported a number of local non-profit service organizations, including the Joliet Area Community Hospice, the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, the University of St. Francis, Lewis

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1 University, Joliet Catholic Academy, Providence High School,
2 the Silver Cross Foundation, St. Joseph Hospital,
3 Childerguild, and the Diocese of Joliet; and

4 WHEREAS, Dottie Brown was a lifelong parishioner at St.
5 John the Baptist Catholic Church; she and her husband were
6 strong advocates for Joliet and Will County and will be
7 remembered for their philanthropy and tireless dedication to
8 local education, health care, and service to those in need;
9 From humble beginnings, she was continuously grateful for her
10 life's blessings; and

11 WHEREAS, Dottie Brown was preceded in death by her husband
12 of 67 years, LaVerne "Bitz" Brown; her parents; her brother,
13 Frank (Betty) Maxwell; her sister, Lorraine (Jim) Bily; her
14 parents-in-law, Seward and Florence Brown; her brother-in-law,
15 Wayne Brown; her sister-in-law, Joan (LaVerne "Chip") Vollmer;
16 and her niece, Marybeth Dopudja; and

17 WHEREAS, Dottie Brown is survived by her nieces, Candy
18 (Mike) Wagner, Cindy (Jeff Berry) Bily, Marcia Maxwell, Sharon
19 (Jack) Tweedle, and Susan (John) Reed; her nephews, James (Emi)
20 Brown, Michael (Janine) Vollmer, Mark (Jan) Maxwell, Jim
21 (Linda) Bily, Tim (Nadine) Bily, Mike (Christy Ford) Bily, and
22 Patrick (Julie) Bily; her cousin, Marlene Walker; numerous
23 great-nieces and great-nephews; her loving caregivers,

1 Katarzyna Gorna and Rose Petty; and her many dear friends,
2 including George and Regina Block, Jeanette D'Arcy, Jeanne
3 Jacobs, and Bob and Rosemary Stephen; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Dorothy Mae "Dottie" Brown and extend our sincere condolences
7 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Dottie Brown as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.