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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 Agnes Tracy of Mt. Sterling, who passed away on March 27, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Tracy was born to Lawrence and Marie Curtin in Taylorville on January 21, 1929; she grew up on their farm in Blue Mound and attended Stonington Community High School before graduating from Sacred Heart Academy in Springfield; she graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in education in 1949; while at the university, she met Robert Francis Tracy, and they were married in Stonington on June 9, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, In 1960, the Tracys started their business, Associated Dairy Products Company; though Dorothy often worked as a substitute teacher at St. Mary School and Brown County High School in Mt. Sterling, she also assisted Robert in running the new company, functioning as secretary and bookkeeper and even helping make deliveries of food products to their customers; in honor of Dorothy, Associated Dairy Products Company changed its name to Dot Associated Dairy Products Company in 1966 before being renamed Dot Foods in 1981; today, the \$8.1 billion company is the largest food industry redistributor in North America and is still owned and operated

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1 by the Tracy family; Dot Foods employs 6,400 people in 16
2 locations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including
3 2,800 at its Mt. Sterling corporate headquarters; and

4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Tracy was active in the Holy Family
5 Catholic Church in Mt. Sterling, where she often played the
6 organ; she was also a member of the National T.T.T. Society
7 chapter in Mt. Sterling, served on the Brown County School
8 Board, and played bridge in several local clubs; and

9 WHEREAS, Dorothy had a philanthropic spirit and
10 volunteered and supported many local charities; she is known
11 for her role in helping build the Mt. Sterling Community Center
12 YMCA, which opened in 2004; construction of the facility was
13 paid for by Robert and Dorothy Tracy, the Tracy Family
14 Foundation, and Dot Foods; and

15 WHEREAS, Dorothy Tracy was preceded in death by her
16 husband, Robert; her parents; her sister, Catherine Trueblood;
17 and her brothers, Bill Curtin and Leo Curtin; and

18 WHEREAS, Dorothy is survived by her 12 children, Donald
19 (Wanda), Patrick (Jane), Thomas (Catherine), Anne (Ray)
20 Capestrain, James (Jil), Jean (Mike) Buckley, John (Linda),
21 Mary (Jay) Sullivan, Susan (Scott) Stamerjohn, Jane (Fred)
22 Schmidt, Joseph (Jill), and Richard (Adina); 46 grandchildren;

1 31 great-grandchildren; her brothers, Paul (Gail) Curtin,
2 Larry Curtin, and John (Alice) Curtin; and her sister-in-law,
3 Nancy Curtin; 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 Agnes Tracy and extend our sincere condolences to her
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
8 further

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