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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the passing of Patricia Thompson Madden, on August 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Thompson Madden was born in Peoria and moved frequently as a child, living in Chicago; Muncie, Indiana; Kansas City, Missouri; and Villa Park; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Madden was a member of the first graduating class of Willowbrook High School in Villa Park and graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in nursing; she received her master's degree in community mental health nursing from Arizona State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Madden went to work after college at the U.S. Army Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama, where she was a firsthand witness of the civil rights movement; she became an advocate of equal rights for all, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, and economic class; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Madden went on to work with psychiatric patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Waco, Texas, where she witnessed the toll the Vietnam War took on returning veterans; in the late 1960s, she served as a psychiatric nurse at Denver General Hospital, and she also spent several years teaching at California State University in Sacramento, California; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Madden was appointed Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of Miami Valley in Dayton, Ohio in 1977, during which time, she organized one of the largest marches for abortion and reproductive rights outside of the District of Columbia; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Madden returned to the Chicago area in 1986
2 and began working for the State of Illinois, first as the
3 Associate Director for Administration of the Illinois State
4 Psychiatric Institute, and then as the Hospital Administrator
5 of the John J. Madden Mental Health Center; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Madden was very involved in the Oak Park
7 community, where she was a sixteen year resident, serving as
8 chairperson of the Barrie Park Citizens Advisory Committee from
9 its inception in 1999, and as a member of the First United
10 Church of Oak Park, where she served as chairperson of the
11 Christian Education Committee, as a member of the Church
12 Council, and as an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church;
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14 WHEREAS, Ms. Madden was a woman who dedicated her life to
15 women's issues, reproductive rights, and persons with mental
16 illness; and

17 WHEREAS, Patricia Thompson Madden's passing was deeply
18 felt by many, especially her son and daughter-in-law, Robert
19 Baren and Alice; her father, Robert Thompson; her sister,
20 Elizabeth; her brother-in-law, Stanley Hewins; her brother,
21 Lawrence Robert Thompson; her sister-in-law, Rhonda; her aunt,
22 Nancy Tobara; her nephews, Jason (wife, Olivia Herrick),
23 Christopher, Shawn (wife, Daniele), Eric, and Shaden Thompson;
24 her nieces Carrie and Shaelynn Thompson; and her many friends;
25 her mother, Dorothy Thompson, is deceased; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
28 Patricia Thompson Madden; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to the family of Patricia Thompson Madden as an
31 expression of our sorrow for their loss.