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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Blanche O. Wille of Godfrey, who passed away on August 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, She was born on January 3, 1921, in Carlinville, the daughter of Albert and Freda (Rhoades) Ealey; she married Victor C. Wille on September 21, 1938, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Alton; and

WHEREAS, She spent the early years of her working life as a bookkeeper employed by local businesses; she later started Wille Income Tax Service, which she operated successfully for nearly 25 years; she served on the Channel 9 Education Panel, was a lifetime founding member of St. Ambrose Church, was a member of the St. Ambrose Altar Society and the Daughters of Isabella, and served as President of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women; and

WHEREAS, She held office as treasurer for several local organizations including the Sportsmen's Club Auxiliary, the Godfrey Democrats, and the Crisis Food Center; she served on the Godfrey Democratic Precinct Committee as chairman of the Precinct Committeemen; and

1 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor;
2 her parents; her eldest son, Thomas A. Wille; her
3 granddaughter, Valerie A. (Parker) Spurrier; her grandsons,
4 Samuel W. Parker and John T. Fosko; her brother, Willis Ealey;
5 her brother and sister-in-law, Albert and Elizabeth (Betty)
6 Ealey; and her sons-in-law, Ralph Marberry and Thomas Parker;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Blanche Wille is survived by her children, Arlene
9 K. Marberry, Barbara A. Parker, Richard D. (Dianne) Wille, Mary
10 L. (Harold) Brand, Theresa M. Fuchs and friend, David Crouch,
11 Patricia H. (Dr. Scott) Fosko, and Brenda E. (Maurice) Cope;
12 her daughter-in-law, Sharold A. (Thomas) Wille; her
13 sister-in-law, Evelyn Ealey; her 21 grandchildren; her 23
14 great-grandchildren; her 7 great-great-grandchildren; and
15 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 her family and friends, the passing of Blanche Wille; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Blanche Wille as a symbol of our
22 sincere sympathy.