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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 Evelyn J. (Wright) Prather of Chillicothe, who passed away on March 3, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Prather was born on August 25, 1925, in Jacksonville; she was the daughter of Roscoe J. and Verneal A. (Perkins) Wright; she married William R. Prather on October 1, 1976, in Henry; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Prather was a former employee of the State of Illinois with the Peoria regional office of the Attorney General; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Prather served as past president, past state membership chairman, and 17th Congressional co-coordinator of the Illinois Democratic Women; her local political involvement included serving as campaign manager for her husband's campaigns and volunteering for several local, State, and national campaigns, including Attorney General Neil Hartigan and Jeanne Simon; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn Prather served as president of the Illinois Association of Senior Citizens, vice chairperson of the Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, regional

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1 coordinator for the Seven County Senior Advocacy Conference,
2 chairman of the Chillicothe Township Heart Fund Drive, and
3 co-chairman of Chillicothe's Claud-Elen Days Festival; she
4 also served on the board of directors for Chillicothe Chamber
5 of Commerce and the Rural Peoria County Council on Aging and on
6 the advisory council of the P.C.C.E.O. Foster Grandparent
7 Program and the Community Workshop and Training Center; and

8 WHEREAS, Evelyn Prather was preceded in death by her 2
9 sisters and her brother; and

10 WHEREAS, Evelyn Prather is survived by her husband,
11 William; her son, John A. Morris; her sister, Linda Tucker; her
12 stepchildren, Patrick Prather, Rhonda Tank, and Neil Prather;
13 her grandchildren, Ryan Tank, Nathaniel Prather, and Nicholas
14 Prather; and her many other family members; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 her family and friends, the passing of Evelyn J. (Wright)
18 Prather; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Evelyn Prather as an expression of
21 our sympathy.