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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Marian Allene Goza, who passed away on May 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Marian Goza was born on December 25, 1930, in Springfield; her parents were John B. and Clara (Rodgers) Ritchie; she married Robert W. Goza in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Marian Goza attended Enos Elementary School and graduated from Springfield High School and Springfield College in Illinois; she then attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, where she met her future husband; she later earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Sangamon State University; and

WHEREAS, Marian Goza was employed as a registered medical technologist at Memorial Medical Center for 39 years; and

WHEREAS, Marian Goza was a member of St. Paul AME Church, where she served on the Trustee Board and the Estella Thompson Missionary Society, and sang as a choir helper; she was active in the Land of Lincoln Girl Scout Council for many years and served as a Girl Scout leader and cookie chairman; she participated in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at both

1 the local and State levels; as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
2 Sorority, Inc., she worked on various committees and served as
3 President of the local chapter and held a regional office; she
4 was a member of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and the Springfield
5 Branch NAACP and served as Secretary for the Kenneth E. Barton,
6 Sr. Scholarship Fund; she also served as Vice-President,
7 Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Secretary as well as the
8 1st Illinois Connections Coordinator on the regional level for
9 several years and took a special interest in her neighborhood
10 association; and

11 WHEREAS, Marian Goza was an accomplished seamstress who
12 made many wedding gowns and debutante dresses; and

13 WHEREAS, Marian Goza was preceded in death by her husband
14 of over 59 years, Robert; her parents; and her brother, John R.
15 Ritchie; and

16 WHEREAS, Marian Goza is survived by her children, Cheryl
17 Goza Smith, Michael (Cindi), Roger (Linda), and Jeanette H.
18 Goza; her grandchildren, Alexander C. Goza, Marian T. Smith,
19 and William A. Ferguson; her step-granddaughter, Heather
20 Navarro; her great-grandsons, Jeremiah and Jaden Ferguson; her
21 step-grandchildren, Skie, Rainne, and Croix; her
22 brother-in-law; her 3 sisters-in-law; and her many cousins and
23 friends; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 her family and friends, the passing of Marian Allene Goza; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Marian Goza as an expression of our
7 sympathy.