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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp of  
4 Elmhurst who passed away on August 1, 2012, at the age of 102;  
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WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp (Fleming) was born in  
7 Cincinnati; she graduated from Catholic high school in 1928,  
8 and began working as a file clerk for an insurance company; she  
9 married Louis Greifenkamp in 1931, and moved with him to Villa  
10 Park in 1937, and then onto Elmhurst in 1941; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp found herself widowed  
12 at the age of 40; she raised 8 children as a single mother in  
13 Elmhurst in the 1950's and 1960's, sending all of them to  
14 Immaculate Conception Grade School in Elmhurst and six of them  
15 to the church's high school; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp returned to work as a  
17 file clerk, first at American Thread in Chicago and then at  
18 Mary Queen of Heaven church in Elmhurst and finally in the  
19 office of local ophthalmologist William Cahill; after a brief  
20 time living in California in the mid-1950's, she returned to  
21 Elmhurst, taking a job as a receptionist at the Elmhurst  
22 Medical Clinic; she retired for good at age 86; and

1           WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp was named "Mother of  
2 the Year" in 1954, by the local Elmhurst Press; she was an avid  
3 reader and lifelong learner, taking French and history classes  
4 at Elmhurst College in her 60's and pursuing swimming and yoga  
5 classes at the Elmhurst YMCA; she taught English as a second  
6 language to adults in her later years; and

7           WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp had a scholarship  
8 established in her name, by her children on her 90th birthday  
9 in 2000, for students applying to Immaculate Conception High  
10 School; and

11           WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp was preceded in death  
12 by her husband, Louis; and

13           WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp is survived by her  
14 sons, Tom and Jay; her daughters, Polly Librizzi, Laura, and  
15 Katherine; her 26 grandchildren; her 52 great-grandchildren;  
16 her 10 great-great-grandchildren; and her brothers, Francis  
17 X., Richard, and Robert; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp, and we extend our sincere  
21 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved

1 her; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Mary Elizabeth Greifenkamp as an  
4 expression of our deepest sympathy.