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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 Barbara Hamsmith of Aurora, who passed away on August 31, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Hamsmith was born on February 24, 1950, in Aurora; her parents were Frank Sr. and Norma (Musso) Guzauskas; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Hamsmith earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from North Central College in 2009 after going back to college part-time for 11 years; and

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WHEREAS, Over the years, Barbara Hamsmith worked as a secretary, computer programmer, material handling sales specialist, and bookkeeper; she also enjoyed working side by side with her husband for many years in his accounting practice; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Hamsmith was a church organist for more than 40 years, first at St. Peter's Church in Aurora and then at Holy Angels Church; she also served as an Extraordinary Minister at Holy Angels; and

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WHEREAS, Barbara Hamsmith enjoyed making breakfast on

1 Sundays after early Mass with her husband, antiquing, spending  
2 quality time with her family, bowling, baking, and gardening;  
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4 WHEREAS, Barbara Hamsmith was preceded in death by her  
5 parents; and

6 WHEREAS, Barbara Hamsmith is survived by her beloved  
7 husband of 40 years, Jerry; her wonderful children, Matthew  
8 (Lisa) and Rachel; her granddaughter, Cecilia; her sisters,  
9 Karen (William) Oleckno and Jeannie (Daniel) Currie; her  
10 brother, Frank (Elizabeth) Guzauskas; her many special nieces,  
11 nephews, and grandnephews; and her best friends, Patrick and  
12 Mary Dougherty; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
15 her family and friends, the passing of Barbara Hamsmith; and be  
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Barbara Hamsmith as an expression of  
19 our sympathy.