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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 Joan Wittman of Godfrey, who passed away on March 5, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Wittman was born to Leona and Alfred Beck on May 30, 1934; she graduated from Marquette Catholic High School in 1952 and married John Wittman in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Wittman worked in the business office of a local Cadillac dealer and the insurance department at St. Joseph's Hospital; in 1955, she and her husband started a television rental business serving the three Alton-area hospitals; she worked 23 years as the "Television Lady" and worked daily except on Christmas; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Wittman and her husband bought the family farm, which had been in the family since 1873, and moved there in the summer of 1964; she worked alongside her husband in the farming operation and became the manager of a hog confinement operation from 1978 to 1991; and

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WHEREAS, Joan Wittman enjoyed going shopping and to auctions; she managed a large garden and enjoyed canning the produce; she was a 4-H leader and helped with Girl Scouts for

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1 many years; she was President of the Tri-County Antique
2 Auxiliary Club for several years; she and her husband made
3 homemade lemon shake-up drinks at many local events for more
4 than 20 years; they enjoyed going to the summertime Munny opera
5 in Forest Park, St. Louis, Missouri, where they were season
6 ticket holders for 35 years from 1979 to 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, Joan Wittman was active in St. Mary's Catholic
8 Church and served as a Eucharistic minister from 1988 to 2008;
9 her ministry also served the Eunice Smith Nursing Home, Skyline
10 Tower, the Four Fountains Nursing Home, and Hillcrest Assisted
11 Living; she made home visits with Holy Communion and was the
12 Chairperson for funeral lunches from 1998 to 2008, managing
13 food donations and preparing food for bereaved families
14 following their funeral services; and

15 WHEREAS, Joan Wittman is survived by her husband of 62
16 years, John; her daughters, Joan (Robert) Clark, Patricia
17 (Roger) Dettenmeier, Marcia (Frank) Klunk, and Theresa
18 (Andrew) Gratton; and her grandchildren, David Dettenmeier,
19 Robert Clark III, Nicholas (Colleen) Dettenmeier, Matthew
20 (Julie, fiancée), Dettenmeier, Katherine Clark, Adam
21 Dettenmeier, Frank Klunk Jr., Jonathan Klunk, Sarah Gratton,
22 and Lucas Gratton; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Joan Wittman, and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
3 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Joan Wittman as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.