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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 Lorraine Wirges of Rantoul, who passed away on April 3, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Lorraine Wirges was born to Luther and Maggie (Thompson) Potteiger in Columbus, Nebraska on June 17, 1923; she graduated from Fullerton High School in May of 1940; she married Leonard Wirges at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Fullerton on November 6, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, During the Korean War, Lorraine Wirges was employed by the U.S. Army; the family moved to Rantoul in October of 1959 where both she and her husband where employed and retired from the USAF at Chanute Air Force Base; and

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WHEREAS, Lorraine Wirges was always active in the community; she was a member of the Rantoul Garden Club at local and state levels, a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and a life member of the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary; she and her husband were active in getting several Blue Star Markers at various locations, designed to honor those serving in the military, including Illinois' 100th marker at Maplewood Cemetery in Rantoul; they were also primary contributors to the local community's annual Arbor Day

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1 celebration, planting at least one new tree each year and
2 getting Rantoul designated a Tree City USA each year by the
3 Arbor Day Society; she was most dedicated to St. Malachy
4 Catholic Church, where she served many years as the greeter at
5 funerals and as lector; she also was on the Tree Committee,
6 Rantoul; and

7 WHEREAS, In her younger years, Lorraine Wirges liked skeet
8 shooting; she was an outdoor person, a beekeeper, a gardener,
9 and an animal lover; she enjoyed horseback riding and playing
10 bridge; she and her husband were natural dancers and enjoyed
11 attending a Valentine's Day dance in the community each year;
12 she will be remembered as an amazing woman; and

13 WHEREAS, Lorraine Wirges was preceded in death by her son,
14 Paul; and

15 WHEREAS, Lorraine Wirges is survived by her husband; her
16 daughter, Victoria Jeakins; her son, David (Orquidea); her
17 five grandchildren; her ten great-grandchildren; and her two
18 great-great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Lorraine Wirges and extend our sincere condolences to her
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

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