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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 Edith C. Irwin of Springfield, who passed away on August 4, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Edith Irwin was born to Floyd and Lettie May (Jackson) Fanning in Perry, Missouri on December 14, 1923; she graduated from Perry High School and Gem City Business College, both in 1941; she married John H. Irwin at the Perry Christian Church in May 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Edith Irwin worked as a secretary for the Illinois Public Health Department in Macomb from 1942 until she was transferred to the Springfield office in 1946; once in Springfield, she co-founded, along with Evelyn Brandt, the Rural Youth organization for Sangamon County, providing meeting opportunities for single men and women who shared a common interest in agriculture; and

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WHEREAS, Along with her husband, Edith Irwin led the Pleasant Plains Clovers 4-H Club for 33 years; she volunteered as a judge for numerous 4-H county fairs throughout the years; she was a great supporter of the IL Cooperative Extension programs through the University of Illinois College of Agriculture and the Sangamon County 4-H program,; and

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1 WHEREAS, Edith Irwin served as a Sunday school teacher and
2 Vacation Bible School supervisor at Peter Cartwright Methodist
3 Church and Farmingdale Presbyterian Church for many years; she
4 was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church for 30 years;
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6 WHEREAS, Edith Irwin was an avid cook who won two Illinois
7 State Fair blue ribbons for her cakes; she also enjoyed
8 campaigning for political candidates; and

9 WHEREAS, Edith Irwin was preceded in death by her husband;
10 her parents; her son, Scott Irwin; her sisters, Georgie Belshe
11 and Mary Cox; and her brothers, Thomas Fanning and Frank
12 Fanning; and

13 WHEREAS, Edith Irwin is survived by her daughter, Cathy
14 (Thomas) Schwartz; her son, Peter (Kathy) Irwin; her
15 grandchildren, Jacquelyn (Alec) Windle, James Schwartz, and
16 Samantha Irwin; and her great-grandchild, Lincoln Windle;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Edith C. Irwin and extend our sincere condolences to her
21 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 Edith Irwin as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.