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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly takes pride in recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Illinois officials and citizens; and

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly, as an august body, exercises discerning judgment in resolutions to cite the noted achievements of a select few individuals, especially when bestowing one of the highest methods of recognition by the State; and

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WHEREAS, In recognition of the lasting contributions that Patricia Thompson Madden made on the issue of mental health at the John J. Madden Mental Health Center, and across the State of Illinois, the General Assembly would like to recognize Ms. Madden, who served as the Center's Administrator for ten years, by naming the Center's Administrative Pavilion after her; and

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WHEREAS, Patricia Thompson Madden was a woman who dedicated her life to persons with mental illness; she died on August 31, 2003; she is survived by her son, Robert Baren, and daughter-in-law Alice; her father, Robert Thompson; her sister, Elizabeth, and brother-in-law Stanley Hewins; her brother, Lawrence Robert Thompson, and sister-in-law Rhonda; her aunt, Nancy Tobarra; her nephews, Jason and his wife Olivia Herrick, Christopher, Shawn and his wife Daniele, Eric, and Shaden Thompson; and her nieces Carrie and Shaelynn Thompson; and

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WHEREAS, Patricia Thompson Madden was born in Peoria and moved frequently as a child, living in Chicago; Muncie, Indiana; Kansas City, Missouri; and Villa Park; she was a member of the first graduating class of Willowbrook High School in Villa Park; after graduating from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in nursing, she received her master's

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1 degree in community mental health nursing from Arizona State
2 University; and

3 WHEREAS, Patricia Thompson Madden went to work after
4 college at the U.S. Army Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama, where
5 as a firsthand witness of the civil rights movement, she became
6 an advocate of equal rights for all; and

7 WHEREAS, Patricia Thompson Madden went on to work with
8 psychiatric patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital
9 in Waco, Texas, where she witnessed the toll the Vietnam War
10 took on returning veterans, and in the late 1960s, she served
11 as a psychiatric nurse at Denver General Hospital; she also
12 spent several years teaching at California State University in
13 Sacramento; and

14 WHEREAS, Patricia Thompson Madden returned to the Chicago
15 area in 1986 and began working for the State of Illinois, first
16 as the Associate Director for Administration of the Illinois
17 State Psychiatric Institute and then as the Hospital
18 Administrator of the John J. Madden Mental Health Center for
19 ten years; and

20 WHEREAS, Patricia Thompson Madden was very involved in the
21 Oak Park community, where she was a sixteen year resident,
22 serving as chairperson of the Barrie Park Citizens Advisory
23 Committee from its inception in 1999 and as a member of the
24 First United Church of Oak Park, where she served as
25 chairperson of the Christian Education Committee, as a member
26 of the Church Council, and as an ordained Elder in the
27 Presbyterian Church; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
30 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Administrative Pavilion at the John
31 J. Madden Mental Health Center in Maywood is named the Patricia

1 Thompson Madden Administrative Pavilion in honor of Patricia
2 Thompson Madden; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of resolution be presented
4 to the family of Patricia Thompson Madden; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to
6 the Director of Central Management Services, the Secretary of
7 Human Services, and other operating authorities for the cited
8 building.