

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Ruth Brockway
4 of Plainfield on July 25, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brockway was born on July 30, 1901 to James
6 and Rachel Rouse of Mokena; at age 11, she moved with her
7 family to Plainfield, where her father owned a blacksmith
8 shop; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brockway married Levi Brockway in 1944 and
10 the couple opened Owens Restaurant in Plainfield; in 1956,
11 they purchased the historic Halfway House, built in 1834,
12 also known as Plainfield House; in addition, she was employed
13 at Steiners Dress Shop for nearly 35 years before retiring in
14 her early 90s; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brockway was a member of Plainfield
16 Congregational Church, the Eastern Star Pansy Chapter, the
17 Plainfield Historical Society, and the American Legion
18 Auxiliary; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, she witnessed the
20 automobile replace the horse and buggy and the dawn of radio
21 and television; through all the changes, she was most
22 impressed with how "everything is moved by the automobile";
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Ruth Brockway's passing will be deeply felt by
25 many, especially her nephews, Ralph (Shirley) Rouse and Ray
26 (Frances) Wilmington; her nieces, Sue (Jerry) Kneubuehl and
27 JoAnn Cragher; her dear friend, Marge Gregor; and numerous
28 grand nieces and nephews; and

29 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brockway was preceded in death by her
30 husband, Levi; her brothers, George, Glenn, Ralph, and Floyd
31 Rouse; and her sister, Maude Wilmington; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
3 of Ruth Brockway and extend our sincere condolences to her
4 family and friends; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Ruth Brockway as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.