

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois learned with regret of the death of Mary Beatrice  
4 DeSherlia on Saturday, August 16, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary DeSherlia was born Mary Keller on April 7,  
6 1930 in Louisiana, Missouri to Charles and Marguerite  
7 (Johnson) Keller; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Keller married William H. DeSherlia, Sr. at  
9 St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grafton on October 1, 1947;  
10 they shared 34 years together before his death on February  
11 21, 1982; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. DeSherlia's parents moved to Grafton  
13 shortly after her birth and she was an active member of the  
14 Grafton community her entire life; she and her husband  
15 operated DeSherlia Fish Market in Grafton for many years,  
16 closing the business shortly before his death; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. DeSherlia also worked at a young age in  
18 Grafton at her parents' business, Keller's Steakhouse, and  
19 continued the family business after their death, closing the  
20 restaurant in 1982; she was honored as "Senior Miss Grafton"  
21 in 1994; and

22 WHEREAS, The passing of Mary DeSherlia has been deeply  
23 felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her sons and  
24 daughters-in-law, William H. and Terrye DeSherlia, Daniel and  
25 Jeneane DeSherlia, Christopher DeSherlia, and Joseph and Jan  
26 DeSherlia; her grandchildren, Hope, Billy, Nipper, Karrie,  
27 Jennifer, Andy, Mary, Karen, Jacob, Benjamin, and Laura; her  
28 stepgrandchildren, Kevin and Kyle; her great-grandchildren,  
29 Alexis, Mackenzie, Coby, Cody, Tyler, and Rhyton; her sister  
30 and brother-in-law, Margaret and Kenneth Whaley; and her  
31 brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles "Pat" and Betty Keller

1 and Larry and Mary Keller; and

2 WHEREAS, Mary DeSherlia was preceded in death by her  
3 husband, William DeSherlia, Sr.; her parents, Charles and  
4 Marguerite Keller; her great-granddaughter, Angel Hope  
5 DeSherlia; her sisters, Betty Jean Goodwin, Theresa Ann  
6 Foval, and Sarah "Sally" Holder; and her brothers, William  
7 Keller and Michael Keller; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing  
10 of Mary DeSherlia and extend our deepest sympathy to her  
11 family, friends, and community; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Mary DeSherlia as an expression of  
14 our sincerest condolences.