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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Mary E. "Betty" Brosius of Arlington Heights on Friday, March 26, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mary E. Hopp was born and raised in Des Plaines; she attended Maine Township East High School for 3 years and was a member of the first graduating class at Maine Township West High School in 1960; she lived her entire life in Des Plaines until a recent move to Arlington Heights; her husband, Dick, preceded her in death in 1979; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Brosius believed that people deserved to be surrounded by love, comfort, and care when they die; because of this belief, she founded Rainbow Hospice in 1981; the hospice has gone from caring for less than a dozen patients and families in 1981, to serving an average of 160 patients and families each day; it was started as a volunteer hospice and now has over 120 professional employees and over 200 volunteers with sponsorship from Advocate and Resurrection Health Care Corporations; Mrs. Brosius served as the first Executive Director and, except for a brief hiatus, worked for Rainbow Hospice until her retirement in January of 2004; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Mary E. "Betty" Brosius has been deeply felt by many, especially her daughters, Carrie (Bill) Bending, Amy (Scott) Pracko, and Julie Brosius; her grandchildren, Cameron, Trevor, and Shane Parker, and Samantha and Matthew Pracko; her brother, Richard (Carol Ann) Hopp; her dear friend, Harvey Kretschmer; her many friends; and her Rainbow Hospice family; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Mary E. "Betty" Brosius, and we extend our deepest sympathy to

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1 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
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3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Mary E. "Betty" Brosius as an
5 expression of our sincere condolences.