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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly of the State
3 of Illinois were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of
4 Mildred Yvonne Fitzgerald, widow of State Representative
5 Wayne Fitzgerald, on April 19, 2005 in Sesser; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fitzgerald was born September 1, 1913, in
7 Sesser, to Howard Burgess Young and Daisy Violetetti Bartlow
8 Young Tackitt; she graduated from Goode-Barren Township High
9 School; and

10 WHEREAS, She married Wayne Fitzgerald on March 4, 1942, in
11 St. Louis; after his untimely death on May 11, 1965, the Wayne
12 Fitzgerald State Park was named in his memory; she retired
13 from the U.S. Postal Service in 1973 after 38 years of service;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, She was a very community-minded person who was
16 always willing to help; she truly believed in education and
17 wanted to see the young people of the community have a chance
18 to further their education; and

19 WHEREAS, She served as Worthy Matron of the Mary V Chapter
20 of Eastern Star; she was a member and president of the Sesser
21 Woman's Club; she was a member of the Illinois Women's
22 Federation Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sesser
23 Senior Citizens, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the
24 Rend Lake Foundation Board where she established an endowment
25 fund to provide an annual scholarship in honor of her late
26 husband, and the Goode-Barren Historical Society; she was a
27 member and Sunday school teacher at First United Methodist
28 Church of Sesser; she was instrumental in compiling and
29 publishing the 1976 Bicentennial history of Sesser and
30 renovating the Sesser Historic Opera House; she received the
31 Golden Deeds Award from the Sesser Area Chamber of Commerce in

1 1984; she received the Presidential Award from the Rend Lake
2 Foundation Board; she donated a bicycle to the St. Jude
3 Bike-a-thon each year; and she worked diligently with the
4 fund-raising for the remodeling of the Goode Township Community
5 Building; and

6 WHEREAS, The passing of Mildred Yvonne Fitzgerrell is felt
7 by all who knew and loved her, especially her step-nephews,
8 Steve and Patty Young, Mike and Vergie Young, and Dennis and
9 Paige Young; her sister-in-law, Helen Young; her aunt, Mary
10 Bartlow; her cousins, Herb Sr. and Billie Winemiller, Herb Jr.
11 and Gwen Winemiller and daughters, Tiffany Winemiller and Misti
12 Winemiller; her sister-in-law, Josephine Fitzgerrell Junkins;
13 her nephew, Richard Fitzgerrell, son of William Fitzgerrell;
14 and her special caretakers, Margaret Goessman and Verna Queen;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband, her
17 parents, and her stepbrother, Roy Odle Young; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that even as her death is mourned, we
21 give thanks for the blessing of Mildred Yvonne Fitzgerrell's
22 life and extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to her
23 family, friends, and community; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
26 sympathy.