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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Agnes Josephine Thompson, the mother of former Governor James R. Thompson, of Arlington Heights on January 28, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, She was born Agnes Josephine Swanson in DeKalb on January 20, 1909, the daughter of Swedish immigrants who came to the United States at the turn of the century; and

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WHEREAS, She married James Robert Thompson in 1934 and they had four children; she met her husband in the public library in DeKalb; they were married in 1934, initially settling in Chicago's Garfield Park neighborhood and Galewood before buying a home in Oak Park in the mid-1950s; and

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WHEREAS, She was from the generation of the 1930s and 1940s where her home, husband, and children were her whole life; she was a big reader and imparted a lifelong love of reading to her children; she took great pleasure in that her children all became successful; and

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WHEREAS, When not tending to her children, she played bridge with great passion, continuing to play until a year ago; she also enjoyed a good game of pinochle, which she often played with her children; she lived as full and complete and wonderful a life as possible; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband in 1992; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Agnes Josephine Thompson will be felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her sons, James, Donald, and Larry; her daughter, Karen Tobin; her seven grandchildren, and her five great-grandchildren; therefore, be

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Agnes Josephine Thompson and we extend our sincerest
5 condolences to her family; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
8 sympathy.