



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 learned with sadness of the death of Mary Louise Taylor, a
4 lifelong resident of Benton, on April 6, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor was born August 7, 1914, in Benton,
6 the daughter of Charles and Rosa (Calcaterra) De Mattei; she
7 married Vernon Leo Taylor in 1934; and

8 WHEREAS, She worked as a caseworker at the Benton Township
9 office from 1961 to 1993; and

10 WHEREAS, She was recently honored by the Franklin Hospital
11 Board after 50 years of service as a hospital auxiliary
12 volunteer by having the helipad at the hospital named in her
13 honor; and

14 WHEREAS, Known not only in Benton and Franklin County, she
15 was recognized throughout the region for her volunteer work
16 with the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross,
17 the American Cancer Society, the Franklin Hospital Auxiliary,
18 the Benton American Legion Auxiliary, Benton Teen Town, the
19 Benton Community Meals Program, and the VFW Auxiliary; she was
20 a driving force behind construction of Franklin Hospital in
21 1960 and then formed the auxiliary that still exists; if it
22 hadn't been for her efforts, there would not have been a
23 hospital auxiliary; and

24 WHEREAS, A devoted Roman Catholic, her association with St.
25 Joseph's Catholic Church in Benton spanned many decades; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor will be remembered as a remarkable
27 woman who lived a remarkable life; she truly cared about and
28 was interested in helping people; and

1 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents; her
2 husband; her four sisters, Maria De Mattei, Josephine Erdody,
3 Rose Gallo, and Caroline De Mattei; and one brother, Angelo De
4 Mattei; and

5 WHEREAS, She is survived by one son, Charles W. Taylor
6 (wife Joan); three grandchildren, Gine Tweedy (husband John),
7 David Taylor (wife Marcie), and Danelle Decker (husband Shane);
8 five great-grandchildren, Taylor Tweedy, Alexis Tweedy, Leah
9 Taylor, Matthew Taylor, and Nicole Decker; one brother, Robert
10 De Mattei (wife Leota); and one brother-in-law, Rudolph Erdody;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that even as her death is
14 mourned, we give thanks for the blessing of Mary Louise
15 Taylor's life and extend our sincerest condolences to her
16 family, friends, and community; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
19 sympathy.