



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Orr of Perry passed away on May 14,
3 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr was born August 7, 1920, in Chambersburg,
5 the daughter of the late Clarence Thomas and Miriam Dennis
6 Browning; and

7 WHEREAS, She married Ralph J. Orr on August 7, 1938, in
8 Chambersburg; and

9 WHEREAS, She was a 1938 graduate of Chambersburg High
10 School in Chambersburg; and

11 WHEREAS, She farmed alongside her husband northwest of
12 Perry for many years; she also aided her husband in the running
13 of their farm machinery business in Perry; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr, along with her husband and
15 father-in-law, Ralph Orr, were former owners of land which
16 became the University of Illinois Orr Research Center; she was
17 currently serving in her 20th consecutive year as Trustee of
18 John Wood Community College, as well as serving several years
19 on the John Wood Ag Committee; she also served on the board of
20 directors of the Farmer's & Traders State Bank in Meredosia;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, She was an active elder in the Perry Presbyterian
23 Church and was an elder in the Fairmount Presbyterian Church
24 until it closed; she was commissioner to the Presbytery of
25 Great Rivers and also taught the adult class of the
26 Presbyterian Sunday School; and

27 WHEREAS, She was a member of the Pittsfield O.E.S., Pike
28 County Country Couples, Fairmount Home Extension, Women's Club

1 of Pike County, and the Ladies Guild of the Perry Presbyterian
2 Church; she was very active in the Perry community and was the
3 1998 Perry Pioneer Day Honored Citizen; and

4 WHEREAS, She traveled extensively worldwide and was an avid
5 reader; and

6 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, her
7 husband, her daughter, Kay Ellen Orr, and her
8 great-granddaughter, Ashley Fencik; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of Mary Ellen Orr is felt by all who
10 knew and loved her, especially her daughter, Patricia Gail
11 Emerson and husband Richard; her sons, David Jeffrey Orr and
12 wife Janet, John Michael Orr and wife Kay, and Roger Alan Orr
13 and wife Kathi; her special granddaughter, Cindy Orr Moore and
14 husband Douglas; her 10 additional grandchildren; her 4
15 step-grandchildren; her 13 great-grandchildren and 5
16 step-great-grandchildren; her 3 great-great grandchildren; her
17 special friend and companion, Elmer Bradbury; her sister, Sarah
18 Harriet Brooks; her brothers, Clarence John Browning and wife
19 Shirley and David Harvey Browning; and her several nieces,
20 nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Mary Ellen Orr and extend our sincerest condolences to her
24 family, friends, and community; and be it further

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