



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 learned with sadness of the death of Mary A. Atchison of
4 Benton, on October 1, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, She was born in Wadestown, West Virginia, on May
6 14, 1923, to Frank and Bertha (Copeland) Horner; she married
7 Cecil L. Atchison September 22, 1950, in Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, She was a member of the First Church of the
9 Nazarene in Benton; and

10 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents; five
11 brothers, Clyde, Bill, Hank, Robert, and George; and four
12 sisters, Thelma, Rose, Katherine, and Clara; and

13 WHEREAS, The passing of Mary A. Atchison will be felt by
14 all who knew and loved her, especially her husband, Cecil L.
15 Atchison; her daughter, Connie (Craig) Cook; her sons, the Rev.
16 Cecil Robert (Sharon) Atchison and David (Gloria) Atchison;
17 five grandchildren, Kent (Terra) Atchison, Christie Cook,
18 Jimmy Cook, Dr. Steve (Becky) Blanford, and David Blanford;
19 four great-grandchildren, Lillian and Eliza Atchison, Dalton
20 and Riley Blanford; and a sister, Pamela (Robert) LaRocca;
21 therefore, be it

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

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