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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Mary V. Perina of Hinsdale, who passed away on March 1, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, She was born June 25, 1920, in Chicago; she was a graduate of Morton High School and went on to attend several institutions to continue her advanced education; her love of music culminated with her lead performance in several operas while attending school, and she had an early career working for Presbyterian/St Lukes Hospital in Chicago and Ryerson Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, She married Henry Roger Perina on September 21, 1946, and celebrated 50 years of marriage prior to his passing; Mrs. Perina was a loving homemaker, raising her three children in Brookfield and then Hinsdale, before working for Marshall Field's; as a 27-year employee of the company, she helped open the Oak Brook location, retiring as assistant manager of the cosmetic department; and

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WHEREAS, She was a longtime member of the Downers Grove Oratorio Society, having the distinction of performing under the direction of baritone Sherrill Milnes; she was a passionate volunteer and gave her time to Hinsdale Hospital since 1972, making children smile in the pediatric department as well as

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1 all who worked with her, and acting as a member of the hospital
2 volunteer advisory board; as an early volunteer for the Ray
3 Graham Association, she chaired numerous benefits to raise
4 money for the foundation, collaborating with the Butler family
5 and the Oak Brook Polo Club; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Perina also gave her time and talents to the
7 DuPage Board of Elections, West Suburban Band, and the Elmhurst
8 College Band; she was a lifelong humanitarian and an advocate
9 for animals, she was a worldwide traveler, enjoying trips on
10 the Concord, Queen Elizabeth 2, and to her family's ancestral
11 home in the Czech Republic; she will be remembered by those who
12 loved her for her kindness, strength, modesty, charm, and wit,
13 her beautiful parties, the clothes she designed and gourmet
14 meals she prepared; she will also be remembered for her
15 enduring ability to make everyone feel special; and

16 WHEREAS, She is survived by her son, Henry L. Perina; her
17 daughters, Cynthia (Carl) Curry and Deborah (David) Lambin; her
18 grandchildren, Jessica, Elliot, and Julia Curry, and Jeffrey,
19 Rachael, and John-Henry Lambin; her sister, Patricia Beranek;
20 and her brother, Otto (Maryanne) Vent; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
23 her family and friends, the passing of Mary V. Perina; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Mary V. Perina as a symbol of our
4 sincere sympathy.