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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 Margaret Betty Martin of Peoria, who passed away on December 14, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Martin was born on August 25, 1922 in Decorah, Iowa; her parents were James and Dorothy Marlow Malanaphy; she married Glen J. Martin on April 26, 1947 in Decorah, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Martin was employed as a waitress at Wright's Cafe in the 1950s; while working there, she became picket captain for the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 16, serving in that position during the city-wide strike in 1958; after the strike ended, she became an assistant business agent for the Local and was elected vice president in 1960; in 1966, she was elected president of the Local, a position she held until her retirement in 1993; she served as a trustee on the Local's insurance and pension funds; she served as the Local's delegate to numerous labor organizations and State and national conventions; she also served as president of the Illinois Culinary Alliance and started the Local's annual Christmas basket drive for the needy; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Martin was active in many organizations

1 and on several boards, including the Visiting Nurses
2 Association; she was recognized by the American Red Cross for
3 the many pints of blood she had donated; and

4 WHEREAS, Margaret Martin was a political activist,
5 coordinating many voter registration drives and Get Out the
6 Vote drives; she was known by many local, State, and national
7 politicians as Betty; she also served as a poll judge; and

8 WHEREAS, Margaret Martin was extremely proud of her Irish
9 roots; she helped organize and was the first president of the
10 Peoria Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and
11 served as chairperson of the State Board's Catholic Action
12 Committee; in 2005, she was awarded a lifetime division
13 membership by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians; she was
14 also an active member of the St. Patrick Society of Peoria and,
15 in 1992, was designated the Society's Irish Mother of the Year;
16 she and her family also served as a host family for an Irish
17 exchange program; and

18 WHEREAS, Margaret Martin was a member of St. Vincent de
19 Paul Catholic Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Margaret Martin was preceded in death by her
21 husband; her brother, John Malanaphy; and her sister, Joyce
22 Lynch; and

1 WHEREAS, Margaret Martin is survived by her sons, John
2 (JoAnn) Martin and James (Fay) Martin; her daughter, Susan
3 (Larry) Satterfield; her brother, James (Jean) Malanaphy; her
4 sisters, Mary Lou (Leo) Manning, Dorothy (John) Kendall, and
5 Julia (Laverne) Massman; her grandchildren, Beth Martin, Kevin
6 Martin, Tom Satterfield, Laura Satterfield, Marsha
7 Satterfield, Jeff Martin, and Vali Quast; and her five
8 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 her family and friends, the passing of Margaret Betty Martin;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Margaret Martin as an expression of
15 our sympathy.