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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 Brenda Carol (Shields) Bishop of Greenfield, who passed away on May 11, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on June 20, 1941, in Carlinville, the daughter of J. Russell and Mildred (Fair) Shields; she graduated from Greenfield High School, Class of 1959; she attended MacMurray College in Jacksonville for one year and she graduated from Southern Illinois University in Alton with a bachelor's degree; she married Dean E. Bishop on September 6, 1960, at the Rockbridge United Methodist Church; together with her husband, they graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in March 1963, where she graduated first in her class; and

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WHEREAS, She taught at Greenfield High School for one year from 1966 to 1967; she was a licensed funeral director for over forty years; she was appointed Greenfield City Clerk after the death of her father and continued to hold that position for 34 years until her passing; and

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WHEREAS, She was charter-Vice President for the Greenfield Tiger Backers; she was an active member of the Greenfield United Methodist Church, including Vacation Bible School

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1 Supervisor for many years, founder of the SonShine Kids
2 after-school program, a trustee, and a member of the
3 Pastor-Parish Relations committee; she was very involved with
4 the Greenfield Homecoming Committee and the Greenfield Alumni
5 Association; and

6 WHEREAS, She was a co-founder of the Friend-in-Deed
7 program; she was the Bloodmobile co-coordinator for the
8 Greenfield Red Cross Blood Drive; she was a long-time member of
9 the Traveler's Club, Pinochle Club, Euchre Club, and hostess
10 for the Friday Morning Coffee Girls; she was a member of the
11 Greenfield United Methodist Church for 57 years; and she
12 enjoyed playing cards, quilting, gardening, and watching the
13 life activities of her children and grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents; her
15 brothers, Billy Shields and Russ Shields, Jr.; her
16 brother-in-law, Don Luketich; and her sister-in-law, Marjorie
17 Shields; and

18 WHEREAS, Brenda Bishop is survived by her children,
19 Dean(o), Jr., Russell (Lisa), Dan (Becky), David (Emily), Nora,
20 and Nathan (Amy); her fourteen grandchildren, Nick, Josh,
21 Michael, Kyle, Kristen, Trey, Elizabeth, David, Megan, Austin,
22 Daniel, Jennifer, Claire, and Matthew; her sister, Barbara
23 Luketich; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
4 her family and friends, the passing of Brenda Bishop; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Brenda Bishop as a symbol of our
8 sincere sympathy.