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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 Elsie Tonyan of McHenry, who passed away on May 26, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Elsie Tonyan was born on February 12, 1911 in Waukegan; her parents were Anton and Mary (Pekley) Stebley; she married Sylvester "Wes" Tonyan in Waukegan on January 5, 1937; and

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WHEREAS, Elsie Tonyan graduated from Waukegan Township High School in 1929; she was a longtime resident of the McHenry-Johnsburg area; and

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WHEREAS, Elsie Tonyan served as the Vice President of her husband's business, Tonyan Bros. Inc., for 44 years; and

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WHEREAS, Elsie Tonyan was a member of St. John the Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Elsie Tonyan was an avid bridge player and read three newspapers daily; she also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Elsie Tonyan was preceded in death by her husband,

1 Wes; her daughter, Audrey; her parents; and her brother, Robert  
2 Stebley; and

3 WHEREAS, Elsie Tonyan is survived by her son, James (Laura)  
4 Tonyan; her son-in-law, John Regner; her grandchildren, Sara  
5 (Franz) Kuehnrich, John Regner Jr., Lindsay Tonyan, and Wesley  
6 Tonyan; and her great-grandchildren, Philip, Audria, and  
7 William; therefore, be it

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

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Elsie Tonyan as an expression of our  
14 sympathy.