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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 Rachel Leah (Welch) Drust of Royalton, who passed away on April 13, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Rachel Drust was born on May 7, 1938, in Royalton; her parents were Arvel Wilson and Edith (Spitellie) Welch; she married Bennie Drust on June 29, 1957, in Royalton; and

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WHEREAS, Rachel Drust was employed at Smoller Brothers in Herrin, Lacy's Flowers in West Frankfort, and was the former owner/operator of Rachel's Flowers in Royalton for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Rachel Drust was an active member of Royalton Church of the Nazarene, where she was a Sunday school teacher and served on the church board; Rachel loved her church family and was a witness for her Lord, Jesus Christ, through every aspect of her life; and

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WHEREAS, Rachel Drust was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Naomi Welch; her grandparents, Noah and Della Welch and Setimo and Perina (Santiroso) Spitellie; her in-laws, Ben and Mary Drust; her nephew, Johnny Smith; and her cousin, Stephanie (Sullivan) Young; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rachel Drust is survived by her husband; her son
2 and his wife, Dennis and Linda (Rice) Drust; her beautiful
3 grandchildren, Benjamin Wayne, Bradley Scott, and Amy Jo; her
4 aunt, Roberta Sullivan and her husband, Charles; her
5 sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Smith and Martha Krawzik; her many
6 nieces and nephews; and her special friends, Ronnie and Brenda
7 Colson, Chong Christian, Butch and Veda McClure, and Jean
8 Chamness and her three children, Allison, Timmy, and Emily; and

9 WHEREAS, Rachel Drust will be remembered by all who knew
10 and loved her for her incredible talent as a florist and her
11 marvelous cooking; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 her family and friends, the passing of Rachel Leah Drust; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Rachel Drust as an expression of our
18 sympathy.