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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 Lou Duesterhaus of Quincy, who passed away on December 31, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on May 11, 1929, near Kinderhook, the daughter of Lewis and Alice Weddington Kenady; she married Donald M. Duesterhaus on October 18, 1952, in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Quincy; and

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WHEREAS, She grew up as the third youngest of 11 children on a small farm north of Kinderhook during the Great Depression and World War II; she referred to herself as a "farm girl"; her family moved to Loraine after the war and she graduated from Mendon High School in 1947; and

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WHEREAS, After working as a full-time homemaker and raising 10 children, she embarked on a second career as a driver's license examiner for the Illinois Secretary of State; she was a lifetime member of the Women's Democratic Club; she served as an election judge and a Democratic precinct committeeman for many years; and

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WHEREAS, She and her husband, a former Quincy alderman and deputy mayor, were named Grass Roots Activists of the Year by

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1 the Adams County Democratic Central Committee in recognition of
2 their work for the local Democratic Party; and

3 WHEREAS, Following her retirement in 1994, she devoted most
4 of her time to three great passions: baking, gardening, and her
5 grandchildren; she was a longtime member of St. Francis
6 Catholic Church; and

7 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; her
8 parents; her brothers, Lewis "Junior" Kenady and Robert Kenady;
9 and her sisters, Louise Earnst, Rosella Morley, Wilma Kuhlman,
10 Bethany Banowitz, Josephine Miller, and Jeanne Jackson; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Lou Duesterhaus is survived by her children,
12 Joseph A. Duesterhaus and his wife, Laura, D. Mark Duesterhaus
13 and his wife, Denise, Steven K. Duesterhaus and his wife,
14 Glori, and Paul M. Duesterhaus and his wife, Mary Ann, Mary
15 Beth Duesterhaus, Gregory L. Duesterhaus, Jonathan L.
16 Duesterhaus and his wife, Susan, Kevin F. Duesterhaus and his
17 wife, Sandy,, Timothy J. Duesterhaus and his wife, Teresa, and
18 Todd W. Duesterhaus and his wife, Taffy; her 26 grandchildren;
19 her 5 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Lillian Westphal and
20 Faith Ervin; her sisters-in-law, Neva Kenady and Gwen Kenady;
21 her brother-in-law, Melvin Arns; and her numerous nieces and
22 nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 her family and friends, the passing of Mary Lou Duesterhaus;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Mary Lou Duesterhaus as a symbol of
7 our sincere sympathy.