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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 Reba J. Chaplinsky, who passed away on March 25, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on June 21, 1921, in Big Cove Tannery, Pennsylvania, to Lily and Maynard Crouse, the fourth of five children; she graduated from McConnellsburg High School in 1939, briefly attended Shippensburg College, before graduating from Central Penn Business College; and

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WHEREAS, She worked as an executive secretary for AMP in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, before meeting her future husband, Peter; they were married on August 9, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, She was a friend to all who knew her and was known for her generous spirit and kind heart; her primary focus in life was her children, grandchildren, and friends; and

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WHEREAS, She was a devoted cook, an avid reader and letter writer, and a volunteer at her senior center, and she was active, sharp, and enthusiastic about life; and

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WHEREAS, Reba Chaplinsky is survived by her children, Susan, Kathryn (James) Arter, Amy (Michael) Meehan, Molly

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1 (Mark) Gillis, and Peter (Liz); her grandchildren, Kim (John)
2 Ritger, Kevin, Maddie, Ethan, Allison, Cassie, Sarah, Emma,
3 Danny, Claire, Natalie, and Caroline; her great-grandson,
4 Hank; her brother, Wayne (Virginia) Crouse; and numerous
5 nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 her family and friends, the passing of Reba Chaplinsky; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Reba Chaplinsky as a symbol of our
12 sincere sympathy.